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YOU ARE ABOUT TO READ GP VOLUME 6.

AND THIS PAGE IS HERE BECAUSE I WANTED A CREDITS PAGE, EVEN IF IT IS ONLY A SLIGHTLY ADAPTED VERSION OF THE EXTRA PAGE I ADDED TO VOLUME ONE

SERIES INFO (YOU SHOULD HAVE READ ALL STUFF IN VOLUME 1 ABOUT GP, WHATEVER.)

THIS IS "GP." TAKAHASHI HIROSHI DID THIS 8 VOLUME (+1 GAIDEN) SERIES AFTER HE FINISHED CROWS BUT BEFORE HE STARTED WORST. DESPITE HAVING PRETTY MUCH NOTHING TO DO WITH EITHER SERIES, GP DOES IN FACT TAKE PLACE IN THE SAME UNIVERSE.

THE CHARACTERS IN THIS SERIES ARE SLIGHTLY OLDER THAN IN CROWS/WORST, HAVING ALREADY GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL, BUT SEVERAL VOLUMES TAKE PLACE IN A FLASHBACK ABOUT GP'S SCHOOL LIFE, SO IT STILL RETAINS MUCH OF THE SAME ATMOSPHERE SHARED BY THE SUZURAN-VERSE SERIES.

CREDITS:

I, **BANCHOU**, AM TRANSLATING AND EDITING THIS SERIES ON MY OWN AS A LITTLE SIDE PROJECT FROM WORST. I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO FINISH IT WITHIN MY SUMMER VACATION, BUT I'M NOT MAKING ANY GUARANTEES.

ALSO, THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE READ WORST (WHICH I THINK WILL BE MOST OF YOU) MIGHT NOTICE THAT THE PAGE QUALITY IS VERY SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE EARLY WORST SCANS, WHICH IS TO SAY, KINDA GOOD BUT NOT REALLY. ALSO, THERE ARE SOME REALLY AWFUL PAGES AND PANELS STREWN THROUGHOUT ALL THE VOLUMES, AND WITH MY MEAGER EDITING SKILLS I'M NOT GOING TO BOTHER IMPROVING MOST OF THEM. JUST A WORD OF WARNING.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

TO DISCUSS GP AND ALSO CROWS AND WORST (AND BE THE FIRST TO GET NEW RELEASES OF ALL THESE SERIES), GO TO HTTP://CROWSXWORST.COM/

BUT FIRST OF ALL, JUST GO AND READ THIS SIXTH VOLUME OF GP!

- I REALIZED I MADE SOME BOOBOOS IN EARLIER VOLUMES.
- THAT MISTER K THING AND THE DATE, THE 20TH, WERE ACTUALLY SET UP IN VOLUME 2. THAT'S PRETTY NEAT.
- SURPRISE IN THE LAST SKETCH OF THE MAIN SERIES NOW. WOO.

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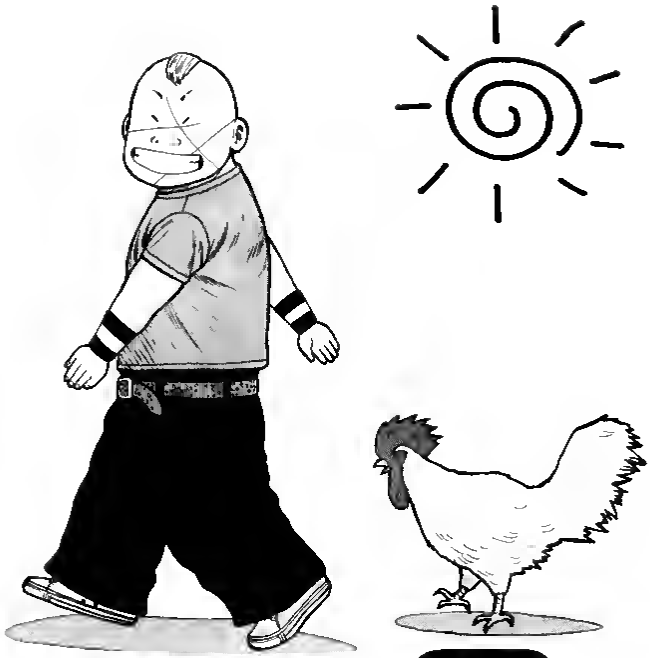

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CHAPTER 35:
THE SCARIEST MAN IN DAYCARE

HUH? SO YOU'VE HEARD OF THIS KIBA GUY?
YEAH.
RIGHT?
WELL YEAH, EVERYBODY KNOWS ABOUT HIM!
WHEN WE TURNED SENIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL, SEIDOU HIGH'S KIBA YOSHIAKI PRACTICALLY RAN THIS TOWN.
EVERYBODY ACKNOWLEDGED HIM AS THE NUMBER 1 IN THE DELINQUENT WORLD.

WOW, HE BECAME THAT MUCH OF A BIG SHOT WHILE WE WERE GONE?
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HEHE... G--- GREETINGS, I'M TURBO, FROM THE DRY CLEANERS
MOVE YOUR ASS, KINSHI-ROU.
IF YOU WANNA KNOW MORE, I'M THE GUY TO TALK TO
ASK ANYONE AND THEY'LL TELL YOU KIBA RULED THIS TOWN BACK THEN.
HE ALSO HAD A NUMBER OF STRONG FRIENDS.
ONE OF THEM WAS KUNIMI RYUUJI!

THAT'S RIGHT, THE SAME KUNIMI WHO WAS THE NUMBER 2 IN THE FRESHMAN ALLIANCE!
WAIT, KUNIMI, ISN'T THAT...
WHEN WORD GOT OUT ABOUT HIS POSITION AND ASA HIGH'S SOPHOMORES AND SENIORS BEAT HIM HALF TO DEATH, KIBA WAS THE ONE WHO PULLED HIM OUT OF THE FIRE.
AFTER THAT, KUNIMI BECAME KIBA'S RIGHT-HAND MAN AND WAS ALWAYS THERE TO ASSIST HIM.
THIS EXTREMELY RELIABLE MAN ACTED AS KIBA'S CONSIGLIERE
THERE'S ANOTHER ONE
WOW, I NEVER SAW THAT ONE COMING...

IT'S NONE OTHER THAN YOUR GOOD FRIEND, SUZUMOTO KOUZOU!
HUH?!
IT'S TRUE!
YOU PROBABLY NEVER HEARD ABOUT THIS, BUT KIBA BECAME BLOOD BROTHERS WITH SUZUMOTO KOUZOU AND NARAOKA TSUNEYOSHI!
HAHA... I SEE, SO THEY DID MEET!

UEDA HIDETORA-SAN WAS THE ONE WHO INTRODUCED THEM TO EACH OTHER!
I'VE HEARD ABOUT THAT.
THAT'S RIGHT. THERE WAS NO SEPARATING THE THREE AFTER THAT.
HIDE-TORA-SAN DID?!
I SEE, HIDETORA-SAN...
THAT MAN NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE ME . .

I OFTEN SEE HIM AT THE PACHINKO PARLOR TOGETHER WITH KIBA AND KUNIMI ...
NARAOKA TSUNEYOSHI IS IN TOKYO AT THE MOMENT, BUT SUZUMOTO KOUZOU STAYED BEHIND IN THIS TOWN ..

COME TO THINK OF IT, THERE WEREN'T ANY MAJOR BATTLES WHEN HE WAS IN CHARGE ...
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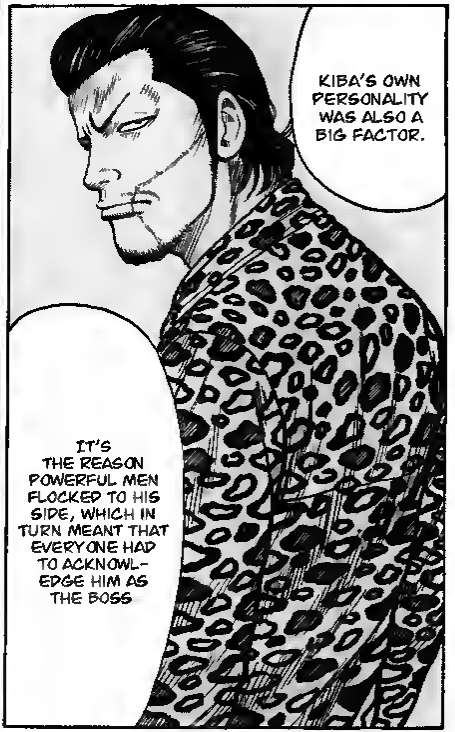
KIBA'S OWN PERSONALITY WAS ALSO A BIG FACTOR.
IT'S THE REASON POWERFUL MEN FLOCKED TO HIS SIDE, WHICH IN TURN MEANT THAT EVERYONE HAD TO ACKNOWL-EDGE HIM AS THE BOSS

THAT'S ONE HELL OF A STORY.
TO THINK THEY'D ALL GET ALONG THAT WELL ...
BUT IT WOULD BE EVEN BETTER IF RYOU AND ME WERE ALSO...

SO WHAT'S KIBA UP TO THESE DAYS?
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IS HE STILL IN TOWN?
OH YES!
HE WORKS AT A NURSERY SCHOOL IN ASAHI.
OWOW OW!
THAT PLACE IS EXTREMELY FAMOUS!
THE SCARIEST MAN IN DAYCARE WORKS THERE!
H--HE'S A TEACHER ...?

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Morning Glory Nursery School
IS THIS THE PLACE...
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HEY KID ...
THERE'S A GUY SUPPOSED TO WORK HERE, GOES BY THE NAME OF KIBA, HE'S GOT A REAL DANGEROUS MU--NO, A REAL SCARY LOOKING FACE, COULD YOU GO GET HIM FOR ME?
HUH? WHAT'S WRONG?
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ACK!
W--
WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON WITH YOU GUYS?!

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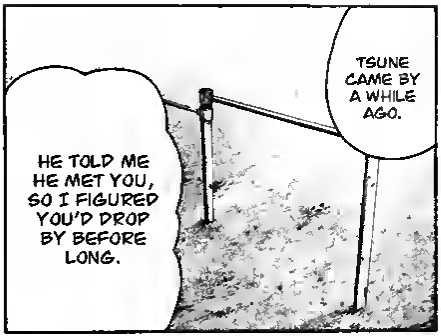
WHAT'D I DO ?
K--- KOTORI ...



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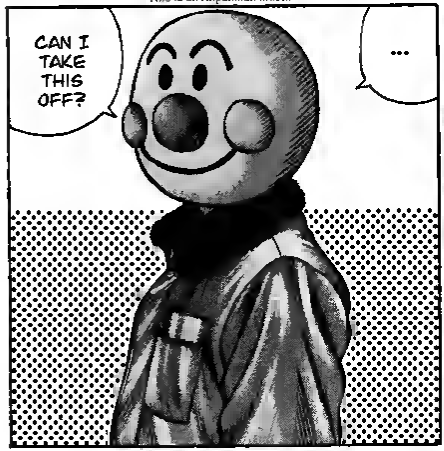

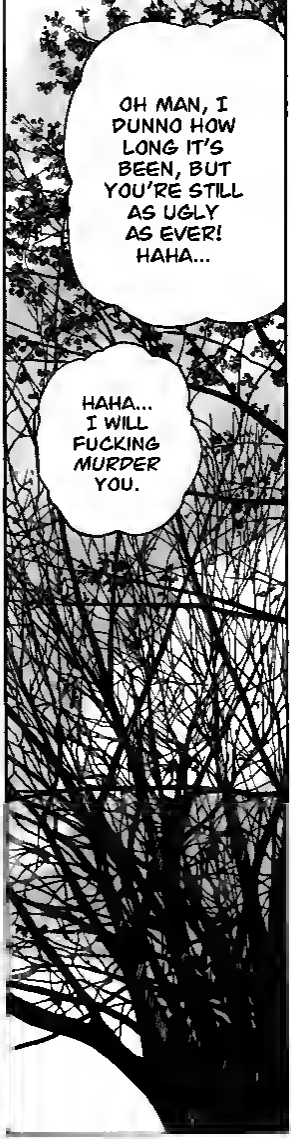

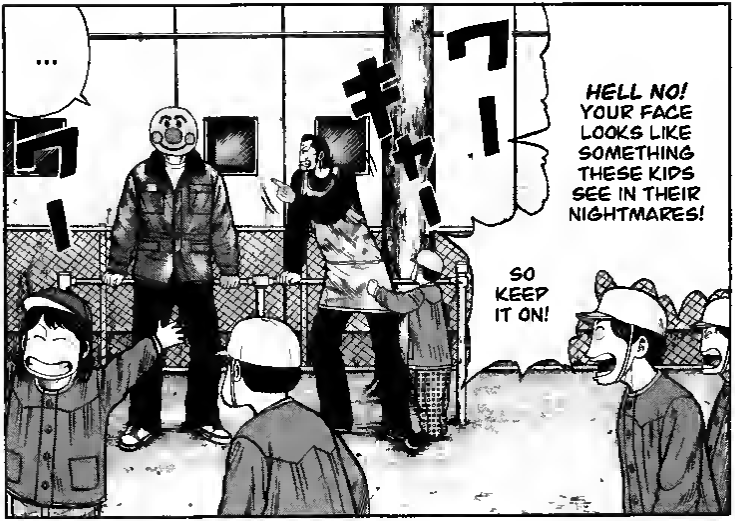
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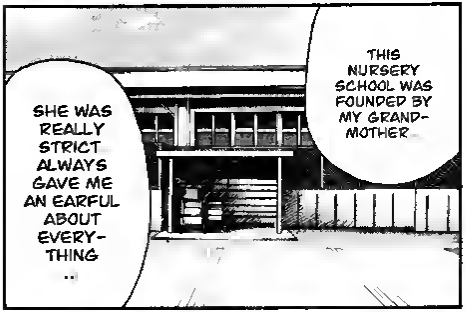
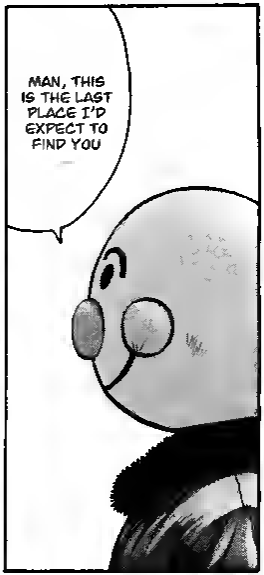
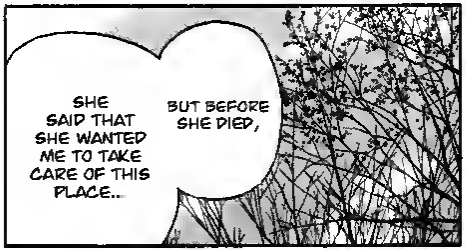
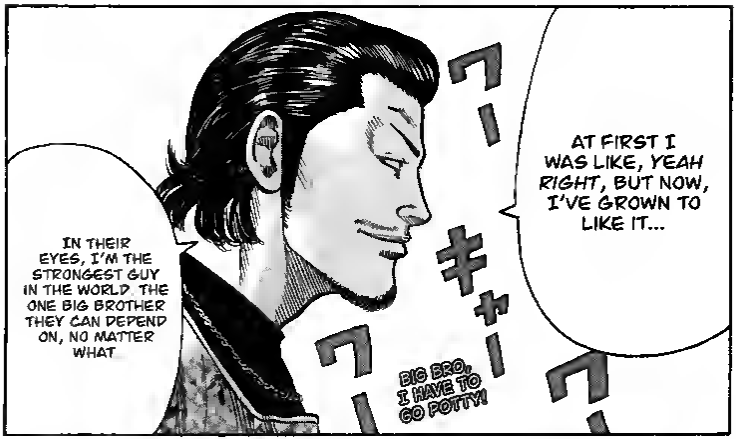
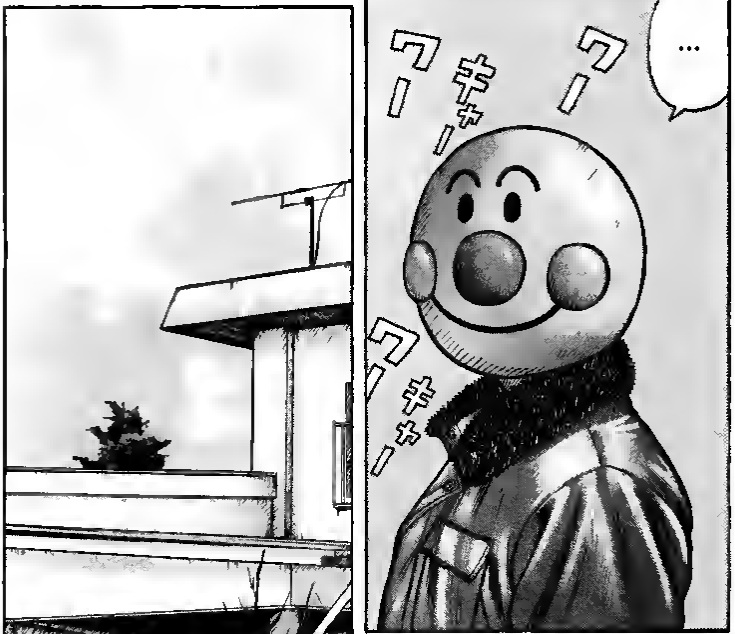
HELL NO! YOUR FACE LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING THESE KIDS SEE IN THEIR NIGHTMARES!
SO KEEP IT ON!


THIS NURSERY SCHOOL WAS FOUNDED BY MY GRAND-MOTHER
SHE WAS REALLY STRICT ALWAYS GAVE ME AN EARFUL ABOUT EVERY-THING ..


MAN, THIS IS THE LAST PLACE I'D EXPECT TO FIND YOU


BUT BEFORE SHE DIED,
SHE SAID THAT SHE WANTED ME TO TAKE CARE OF THIS PLACE..


AT FIRST I WAS LIKE, YEAH RIGHT, BUT NOW, I'VE GROWN TO LIKE IT...
IN THEIR EYES, I'M THE STRONGEST GUY IN THE WORLD THE ONE BIG BROTHER THEY CAN DEPEND ON, NO MATTER WHAT
BIG BRO, I HAVE TO GO POTTY!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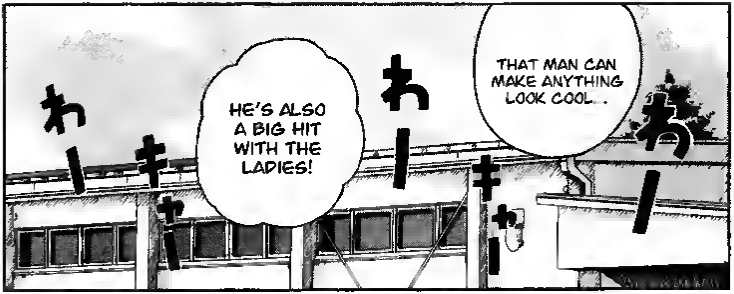
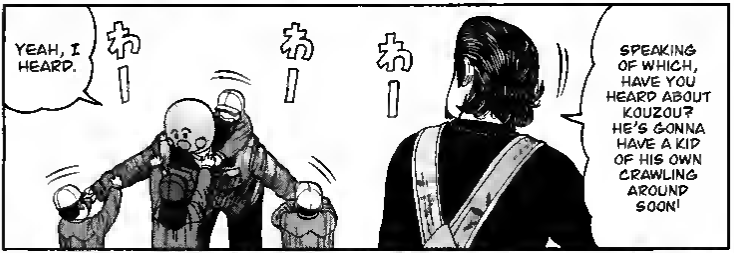
I'M SURE HE'S FINE
HE'S MOVED TO TOKYO.
HOW IS HIDETORA-SAN DOING THESE DAYS?
TOKYO ...
HIS DREAM IS TO OPEN A WESTERN STYLE RESTAURANT. HE'S AN STUDYING AS APPRENTICE COOK IN TOKYO. HE ALREADY MAKES THE BEST DAMN HAMBURGERS YOU'LL EVER EAT!





Note: I done fucked up in volume 1 a terrible mistake. He's gonna become a dad next February, not last February

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BWAHAHA! WELL I CAN'T SAY I BLAME HIM!
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W--- WHAT?!
IF I LET YOU TAKE CARE OF MY KID, HE'S DEFINITELY GONNA BECOME A DELINQUENT! FORGET ABOUT IT!
THAT ASSHOLE, YOU'RE NOT GONNA BELIEVE WHAT HE SAID WHEN I TOLD HIM TO BRING HIS KID HERE!

THERE YOU GO!
ARE YOU READY?
WHAAA!

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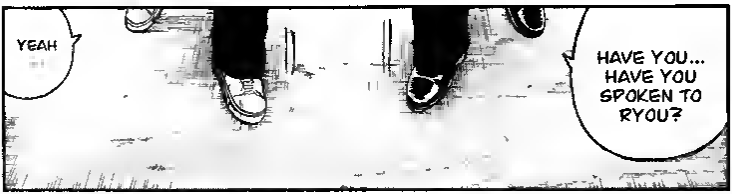
一方通行路


YEAH
HAVE YOU... HAVE YOU SPOKEN TO RYOU?

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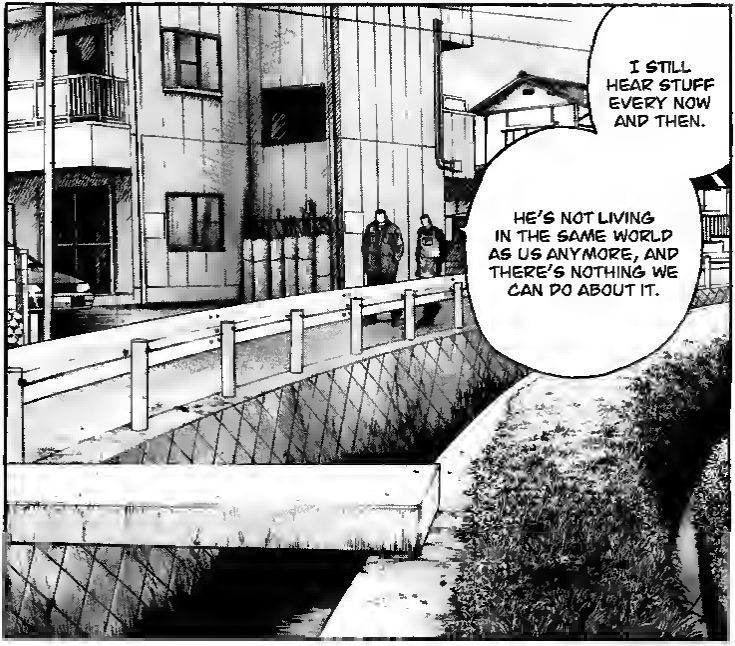
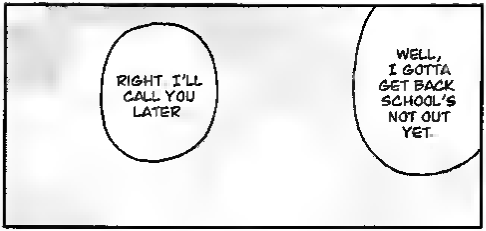
KOTORI... THIS IS NOTHING PERSONAL ...
BUT YOU SHOULD FORGET ABOUT HIM..


I STILL HEAR STUFF EVERY NOW AND THEN.
HE'S NOT LIVING IN THE SAME WORLD AS US ANYMORE, AND THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT.


WELL, I GOTTA GET BACK SCHOOL'S NOT OUT YET.
RIGHT. I'LL CALL YOU LATER

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HMM?
HEY KOTORI!
I MIGHT WEAR AN APRON,
IF YOU EVER NEED MY HELP WITH ANYTHING, DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK!
BUT I HAVEN'T LOST MY BALLS OR ANYTHING! I STILL HAVE SOME BITE LEFT IN ME!

"Kiba" can also mean "fang."

WE'RE
OPEN

WHATEVER THE CASE, I CAN'T FOLLOW THE BOSS ANYMORE NOW THAT HE'S LIKE THIS!

HIM AND KINJOU GO WAY BACK!
BUT HE THREW HIM AWAY LIKE A PAIR OF OLD SHOES!
RYOU-SAN'S BEEN ACTING MESSED UP RE-CENTLY.
ICHII'S RIGHT.
YOU'RE DAMN RIGHT.
I CAN'T BE THE ONLY ONE THINKING THIS!
WHAT THE HELL'S WRONG WITH HIM?!

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SO THEY AGREE WITH ME.
HOW ABOUT YOU? WHAT DO YOU THINK?!

SOMETHING'S DEFINITELY BEEN UP WITH THE BOSS LATELY
AND FRANKLY, I DON'T LIKE IT.
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YOU WOULD FOLLOW ME?
HOW ABOUT YOU REPLACE HIM, THEN?
WE'D HAVE YOUR BACK.
IF YOU'RE UP FOR IT...

WE CAN'T JUST LIGHT THIS KINDA FIRE HAP-HAZARDLY.
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WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL ...
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THE GASOLINE HAS TO SPREAD ACROSS THE FLOOR... IT HAS TO FLOW INTO EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY OF THE ROOM... BUT UNTIL IT DOES, YOU HAVE TO WAIT, QUIETLY, PATIENTLY ...
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AN' COUP D'ETAT IS DESTINED TO FAIL IF YOU DON'T HAVE THAT SORT OF PATIENCE...

KAWASHIMA... HAVE YOU BY ANY CHANCE ALREADY OPENED THE TAP?
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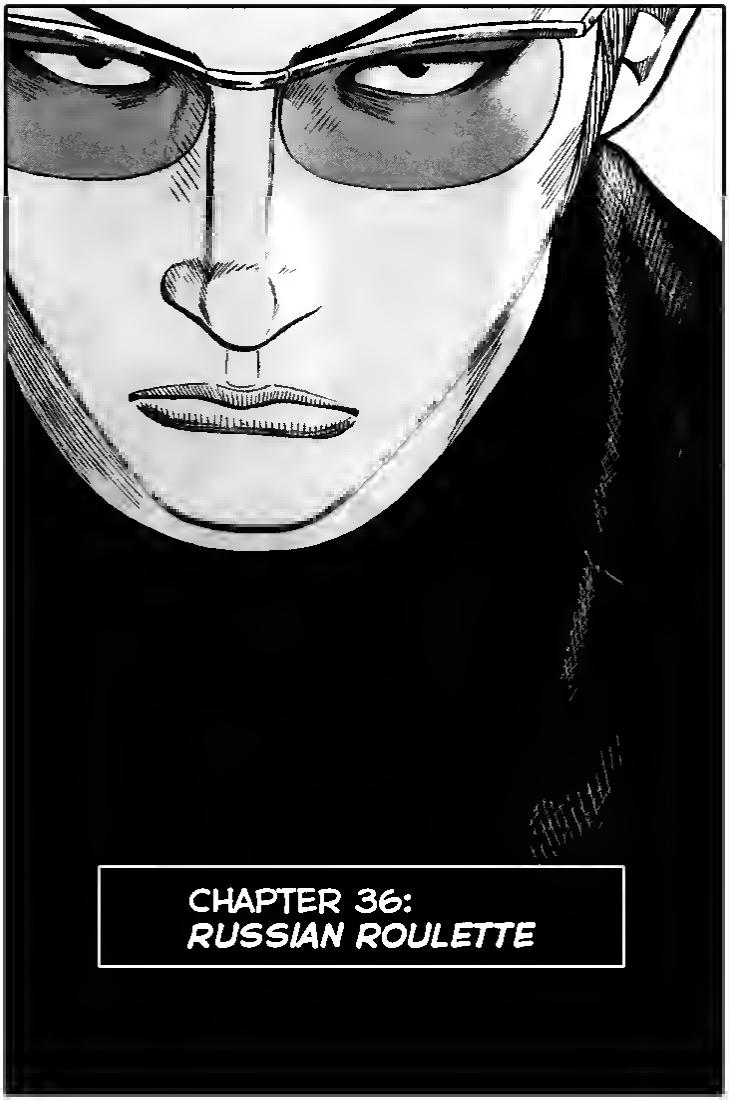
CHAPTER 36:
RUSSIAN ROULETTE

SO YOU ARE AZUMA RYOU... KITSUKAWA TOLD ME ABOUT YOU.
HAVE A SEAT...

I KNOW YOU'RE BUSY...
I'M SORRY BOSS...
HEY, RYOU, SIT DOWN.
I'M SORRY, BUT COULD YOU INTRODUCE ME TO YOUR BOSS...?
...

R--RYOU! WHAT THE HELL?!
EX-CUSE ME?
AM I NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU?
MY NAME IS HARADA, I'M THE UNDER-BOSS.
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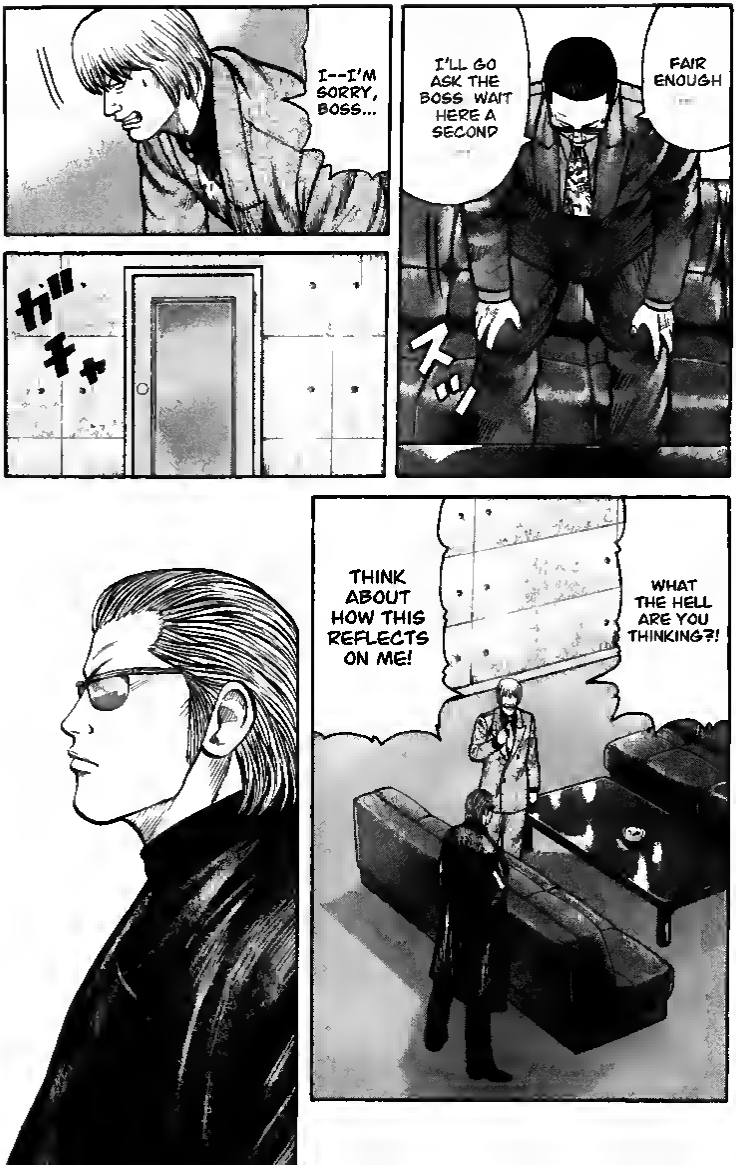
YOU SON OF A... HOW DARE Y--


I--I'M SORRY, BOSS...
FAIR ENOUGH
I'LL GO ASK THE BOSS WAIT HERE A SECOND
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WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU THINKING?!
THINK ABOUT HOW THIS REFLECTS ON ME!

BOSS, I'M SORRY, PLEASE FORGIVE ME...
AZUMA, YOU MAY ENTER.
LOOKS LIKE THE BOSS WANTS TO MEET YOU.
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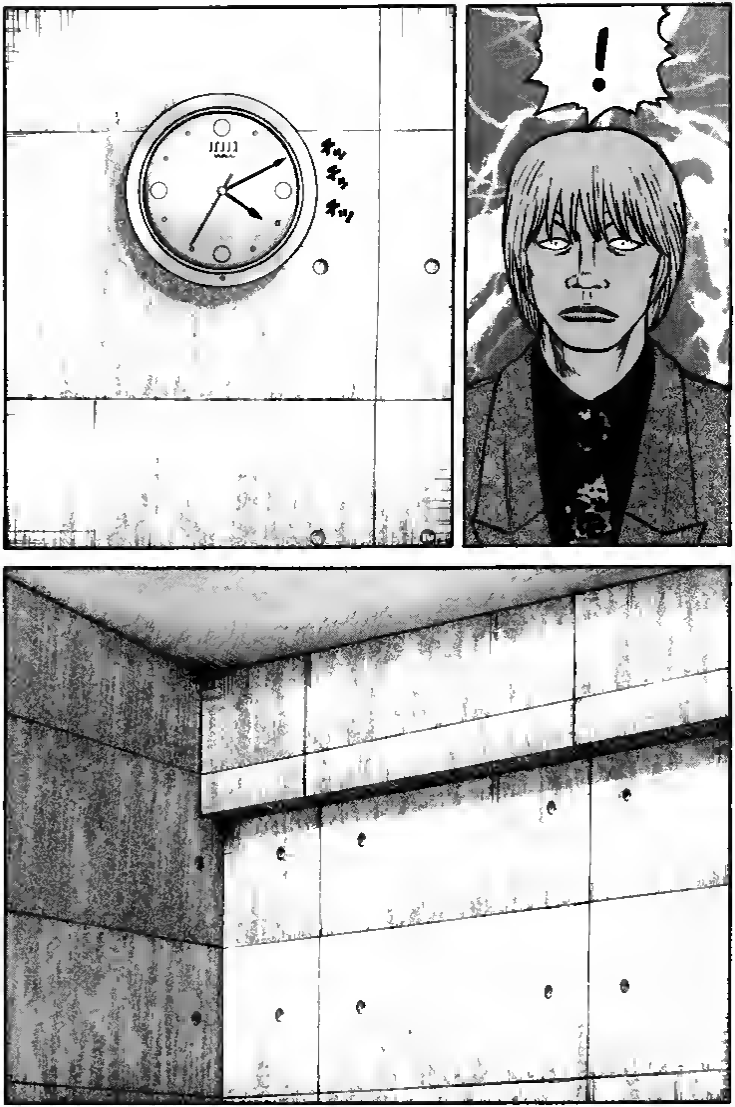
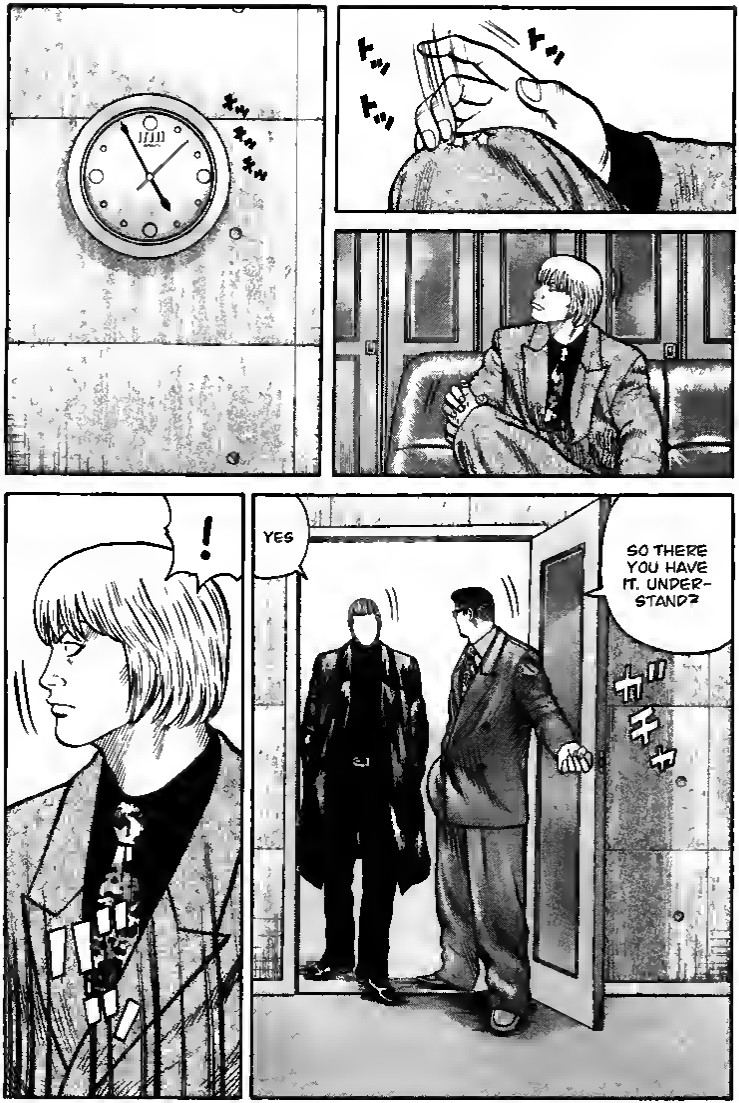
B--BOSS!
YOU WAIT RIGHT THERE.




YES
SO THERE YOU HAVE IT. UNDER-STAND?
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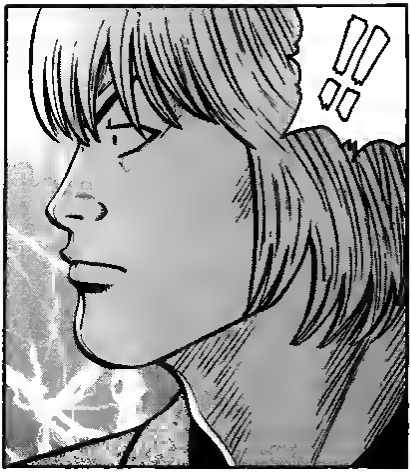
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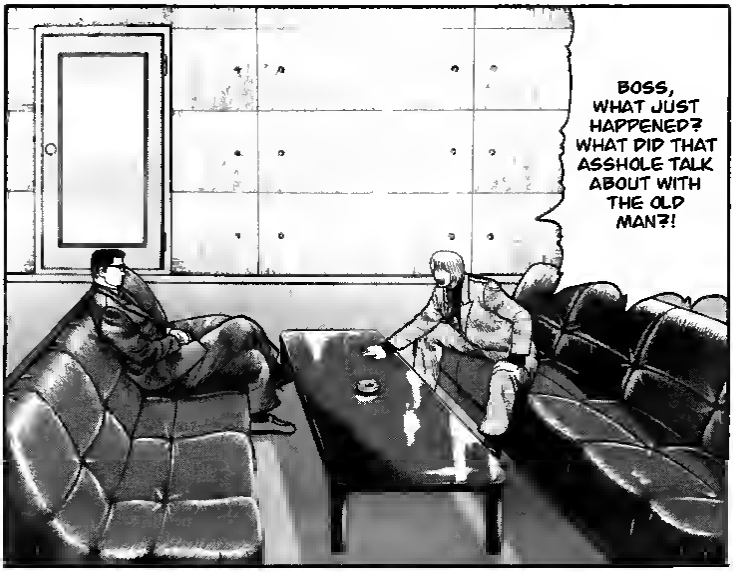
BOSS, WHAT JUST HAPPENED? WHAT DID THAT ASSHOLE TALK ABOUT WITH THE OLD MAN?!

WHA?!
MY HEART JUST SKIPPED A BEAT... THAT GUY, HE PRACTICALLY ORDERED THE BOSS
TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIS OWN ORGA-NIZATION AND RESPECT THEIR TERRITORY
PFFT.

EVEN THE OLD MAN COULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT HE WAS HEARING HAHA..
HE THEN SAID THAT IN THREE YEARS TIME, HE'D PAY BACK TEN TO TWENTY TIMES WHAT HIS AREA IS WORTH...
IS HE FUCKING SHITTING ME?!
HOW DARE HE GO OVER MY HEAD LIKE THAT LIKE THAT!
THERE'S MORE..

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COULD YOU PUT THIS THING TO YOUR HEAD THIS INSTANT AND PULL THE TRIGGER?
THERE'S ONLY ONE BULLET IN THIS THING, FOR RUSSIAN ROULETTE.
URK!

THE OLD MAN ASKED HIM THE SAME QUESTION. THAT GUY GRABBED THE GUN AND PULLED THE TRIGGER WITHOUT THINKING TWICE!
NOT JUST ONCE, BUT THREE TIMES!

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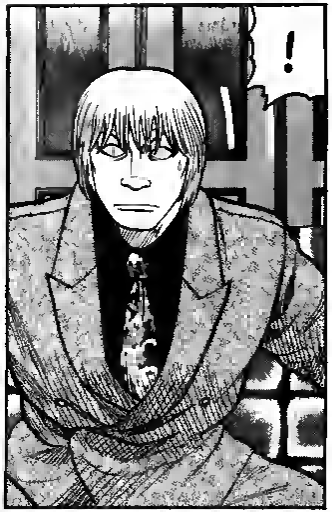
NOT AN EASY ACT TO FOLLOW
THAT GUY IS CERTI-FIABLE.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SO HE
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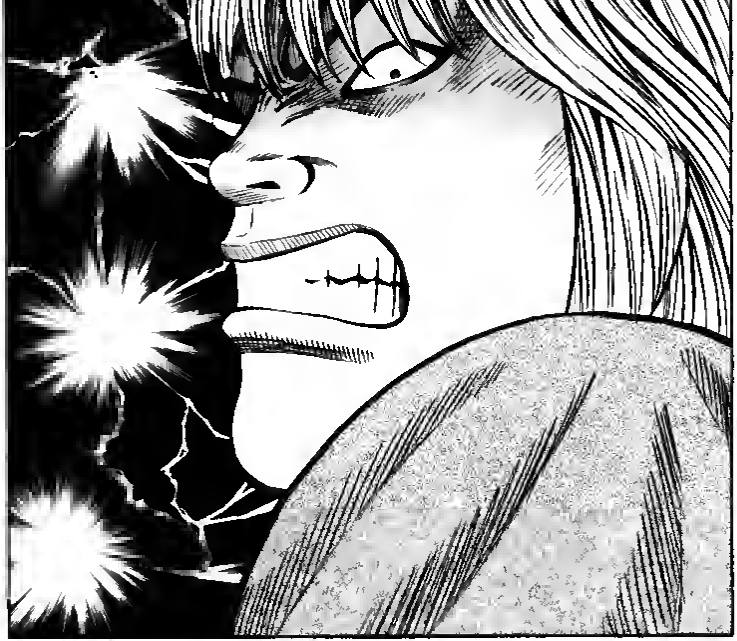

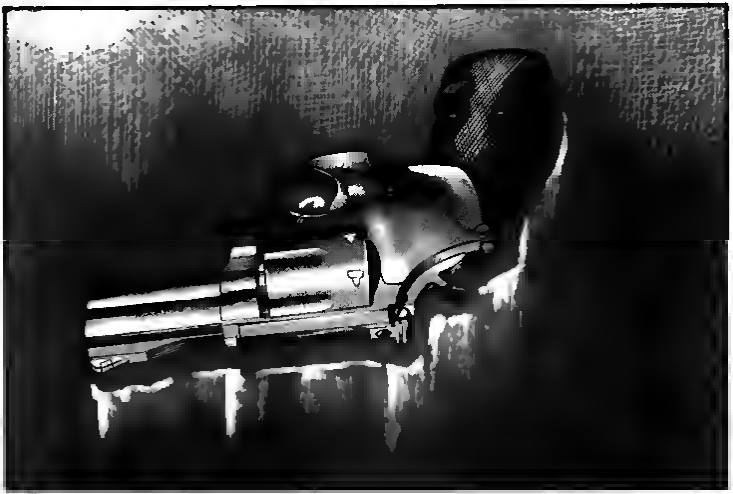

SO YOU DID IT?! THAT'S MY BOY! RYOU!
WE HAD TO GO ALONG WITH THEM FOR A WHILE, BUT NOW WE'RE FREE TO DO AS WE WANT!
YEAH.

ATTABOY, RYOU...
I KNOW I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT...
KOUZOU ...

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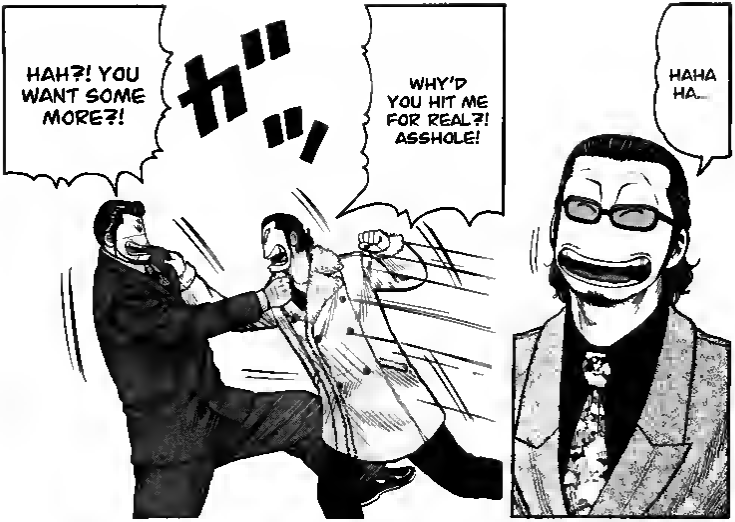
I CAN FEEL MY BLOOD PUMPING JUST THINKING ABOUT IT!
DOMI-NATING THE COUNTRY
WHEN THEY FIND OUT WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO THREE YEARS FROM NOW, IT'LL BE TOO LATE FOR THEM TO DO A THING!
AND THAT SMALL AREA WILL BE OUR FIRST STEP TOWARDS CONQUERING THE REST OF THE COUNTRY!

RYOU!
KOTORI.
WE'RE SO GLAD TO HAVE YOU.
WE'RE GONNA BE FIGHTING EVERY DAY FROM NOW ON, BUT I'M COUNTING ON YOU!

BWA HAHA!
I'LL MAKE YOU THE TOP BOSS IN ALL OF JAPAN!
JUST LEAVE IT TO ME, KOTORI. I'LL PROTECT YOU AND TAKE YOU TO THE TOP IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO.
BUT YOU ARE A MORON!
YOU LITTLE RASCAL, YOU WANNA PUT ME ON A PARADE FLOAT LIKE I'M SOME SORTA MORON?!


HAH?! YOU WANT SOME MORE?!
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WHY'D YOU HIT ME FOR REAL?! ASSHOLE!
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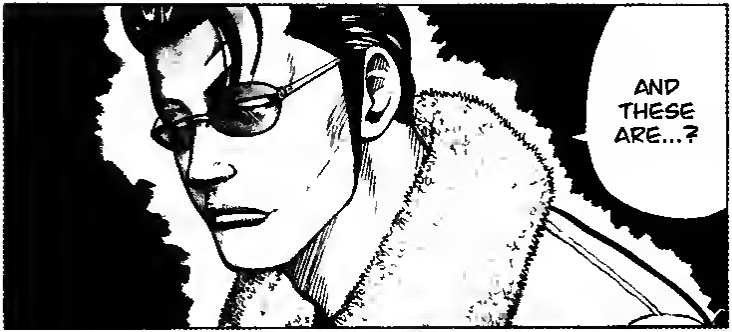
CHAPTER 37:
ASSASSINS FROM KANSAI



I have no idea what happened to this place... I didn't do it.

THIS IS THE SUPPORT I CALLED IN FROM KANSAI
THEY'LL DO ANY-THING SO LONG AS THE MONEY'S GOOD
HEH.
I'M PUTTING YOU IN CHARGE OF THEM. USE THEM ANY WAY YOU WANT!

WE'VE ALREADY BEEN PAID HALF IN ADVANCE SO WE'LL DO WHATEVER YA WANT! KAKAKA ...
HUH. SO YOU'RE OUR NEW BOSS? WELL, NICE TO MEET YOU, I GUESS
...
GET IT? KAKAKA...
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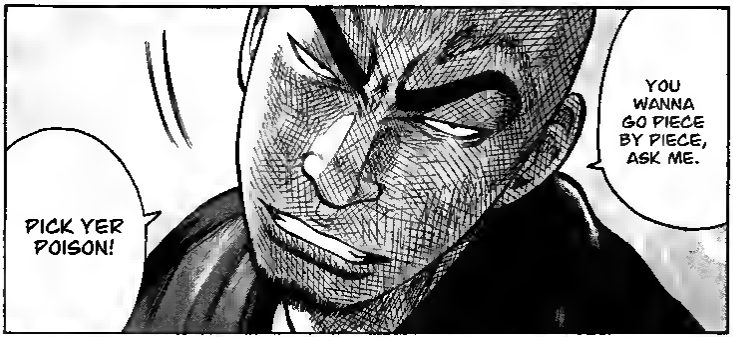
WE'RE IN WHAT YOU'D CALL A

Prosperous business.

HOW DO I KNOW YOU'RE UP FOR THIS...?
...
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONES HERE, RIGHT?
WHAT, YOU WANNA KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO?
THEN HOW ABOUT I SHOW YOU UP CLOSE AND PER-SONAL?
WE CAN SHOW YOU PRETTY EASILY IF YOU WANT.

YOU WANNA GO FAST AND WITH A BANG, ASK HIM.


YOU WANNA GO PIECE BY PIECE, ASK ME.
PICK YER POISON!

I'M JUST MESSIN' WITH YA! KAKAKA...

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WHAT'RE YOUR NAMES?
NAMES? HUH... NAMES...
AIGHT, HOW'S THIS?
I'M TOM, HE'LL BE JERRY.
DON'T FUCK THIS UP, KAWA-SHIMA.
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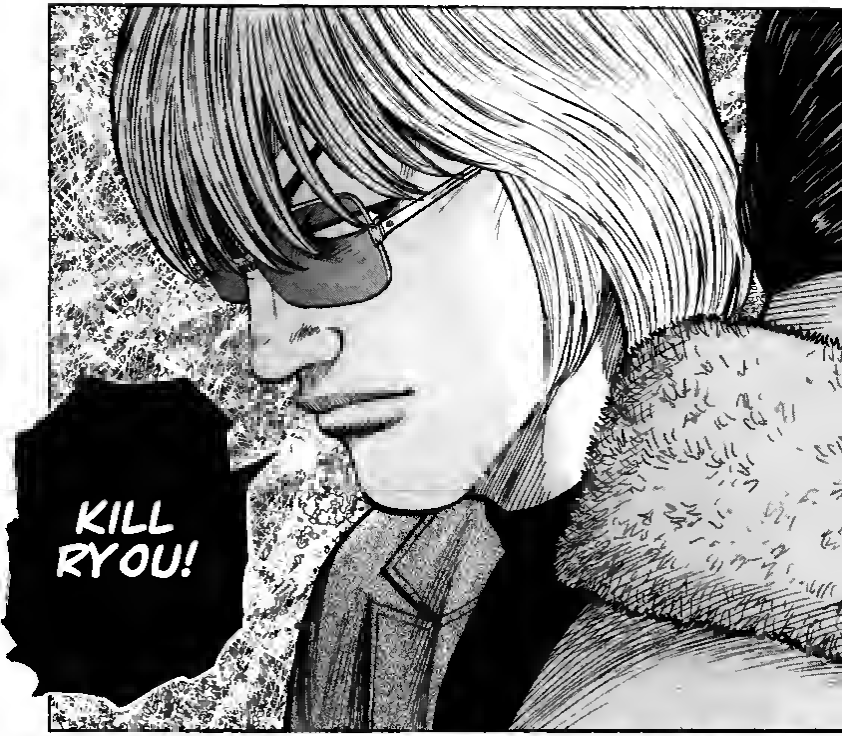
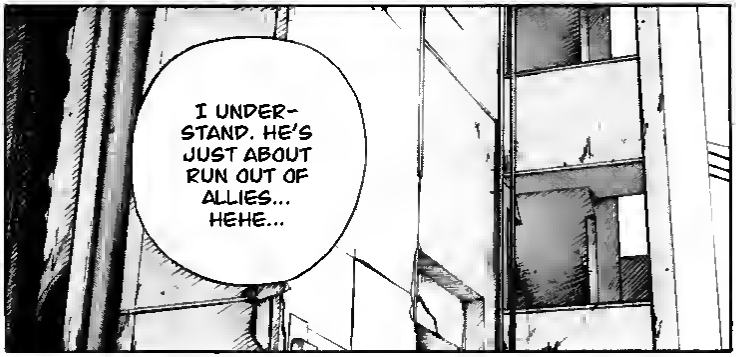
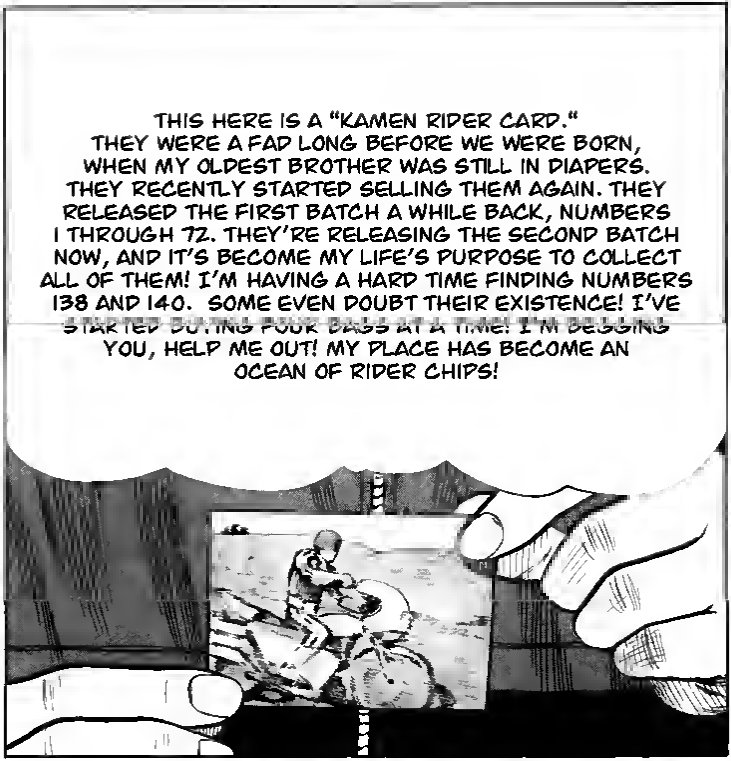
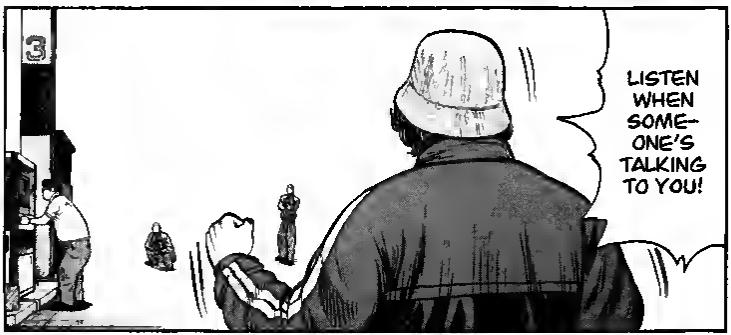

KILL RYOU!


I UNDER-STAND. HE'S JUST ABOUT RUN OUT OF ALLIES... HEHE...


THIS HERE IS A "KAMEN RIDER CARD."
THEY WERE A FAD LONG BEFORE WE WERE BORN, WHEN MY OLDEST BROTHER WAS STILL IN DIAPERS.
THEY RECENTLY STARTED SELLING THEM AGAIN. THEY RELEASED THE FIRST BATCH A WHILE BACK, NUMBERS 1 THROUGH 72. THEY'RE RELEASING THE SECOND BATCH NOW, AND IT'S BECOME MY LIFE'S PURPOSE TO COLLECT ALL OF THEM! I'M HAVING A HARD TIME FINDING NUMBERS 138 AND 140. SOME EVEN DOUBT THEIR EXISTENCE! I'VE STARTED BUYING FOUR BAGS AT A TIME! I'M BEGGING YOU, HELP ME OUT! MY PLACE HAS BECOME AN OCEAN OF RIDER CHIPS!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LISTEN WHEN SOME-ONE'S TALKING TO YOU!

GET LOST!
KEEP YOUR STUPID RIDER FETISH TO YOURSELF!
I'LL PASS I'M TOO OLD FOR THAT STUFF
I HAVE BETTER THINGS TO DO, YOU KNOW...
I SAID, GET LOST!
ALL RIGHT, HOW'S THIS?! I'LL PAY YOU 1000 YEN IF YOU FIND ONE OF THEM!
WHAT SAY YOU?!
H--HOW ABOUT THIS THEN?! MY LAST RESORT! I WILL TAKE WHOEVER FINDS THESE CARDS TO THE STRIP CLUB, AND I'LL PAY FOR A WHOLE OUR!

P-- PLEASE LEAVE IT TO ME!
I'LL DO IT!
OH! MY FRIEND!
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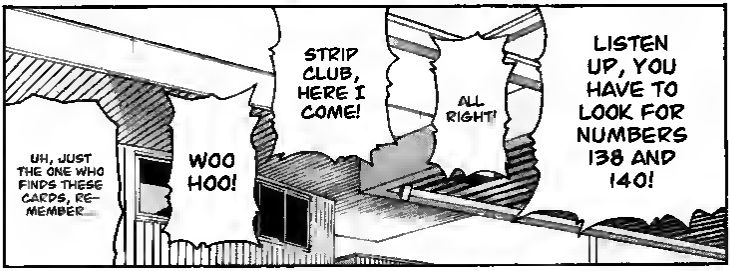
COUNT ME IN!


LISTEN UP, YOU HAVE TO LOOK FOR NUMBERS 138 AND 140!
ALL RIGHT!
STRIP CLUB, HERE I COME!
WOO HOO!
UH, JUST THE ONE WHO FINDS THESE CARDS, RE-MEMBER...

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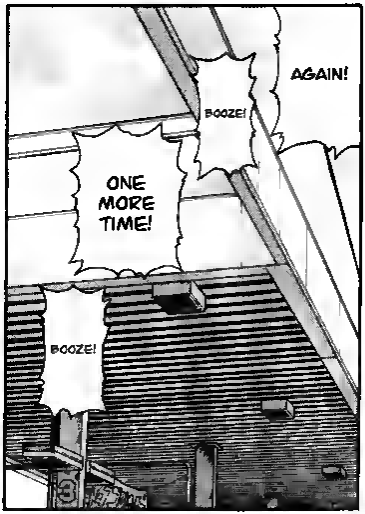
BOOZE!
BOOZE! WE'RE GONNA GET SO FUCKING WASTED!


AGAIN!
BOOZE!
ONE MORE TIME!
BOOZE!

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Y--YOU THINK YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH BETRAYING RYOU-SAN?!

BUNTOKU, I KNOW YOU EAVESDROPPED ON THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN ICHII AND ME
I DON'T EXPECT AN IDIOT LIKE YOU TO UNDERSTAND MY ACTIONS.

YOU'RE A NUISANCE
AND IT'S TIME TO GET YOU OUT OF MY WAY
YOU CAN PROVE YOURSELF TO ME WITH HIM
HE'S A STRAIGHT ARROW AND AN IDIOT, BUT HE'S NOT BAD IN A FIGHT ...
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YEAH.
RIGHT, BOSS?
HE ONLY NEEDS TO BE OUT FOR 'BOUT A WEEK ...
I'M SORRY BRAH, IT'S NOTHIN' PERSONAL.
I HOPE YA CAN UNDER-STAND THAT I'M JUST DOIN' MY JOB.
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!

TRY SAYING THAT AFTER I'M DONE WITH YOU, ASSHOLE!
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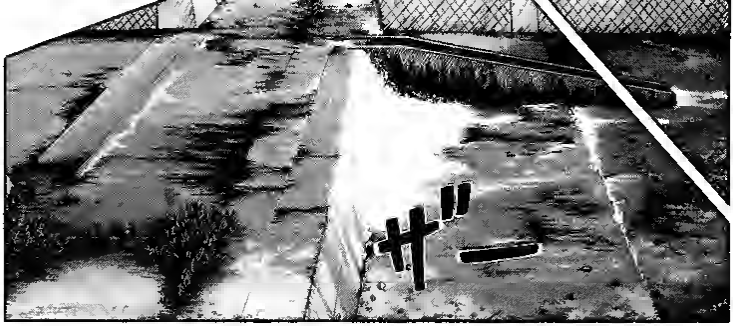
LORD HAVE MERCY...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ICHI... IT'S TIME ...
TH-- THOSE ARE SOME SCARY GUYS YOU FOUND...

YEAH IT'S TIME TO CUT THE HEAD OFF OF AZUMA RYOU

WE'RE GONNA DO IT?

KAKAKA... LOOKS LIKE THIS IS GONNA BE AN EASY ONE. THIS IS CHILD'S PLAY COMPARED TO THAT JOB IN HIROSHIMA!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE TOM. I'M JERRY.
TOM, YOU MIGHT END UP NOT EVEN DOING A THING!
OH YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT, I'M TOM. KAKAKA ...

HE'S GOT THE SAME FACE AS US.

D--DID WE JUST MOVE OUT OF THE WAY?
...

...
HUH?!

THE FACE OF SOMEONE WHO'S KILLED!

MAYBE IT'S JUST ME, BUT I THINK THIS TOWN MIGHT HOLD SOME SURPRISES FOR US AFTER ALL.
THAT SO, HUH... LET'S GO GRAB A BITE TO EAT OVER THERE.

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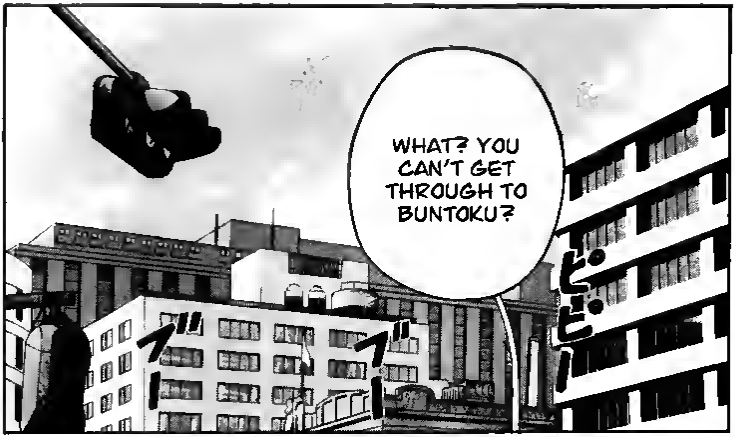
I'M GOING TO BE SERIOUSLY PISSED OFF IF THOSE CARDS AREN'T IN THERE...
WHOOPS!
HMM?
STRIIIP CLUUUB!
STRIIP CLUUUB
STRIIP CLUB

STRIP CLUB!
STRIIIP CLUB
STRIP CLUUUB
AH!
AH!
TO-GETHER NOW!
STRIIIP CLUUUB!
STRIP CLUB!
STRIIIP CLUUUB!
HAHA HA!
HEHE HEH!

KOTORI AND RYOU'S NEXT ENCOUNTER WASN'T FAR AWAY...

CHAPTER 38:
WATERMELON


WHAT? YOU CAN'T GET THROUGH TO BUNTOKU?
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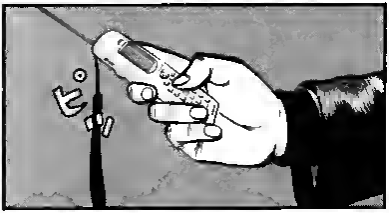
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DON'T GIVE ME "I DON'T KNOW" YOU DUMB SHIT! FIND HIM! AND BRING HIM TO ME!

HUH? HERE'S THE BOSS?
AUTOOASIS
Service Room
IT'S THAT GUY... SUZUMOTO, IT'S HIM.
SOMEONE CAME TO SEE HIM, HE'S IN THE BACK.
A VISITOR?
HUH?! SUZUMOTO KOUZOU-SAN?!
REALLY?! WHAT'S HE LIKE?!

EVEN THOUGH WE'RE THE SAME AGE, HE'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM ME.
HMM... HE DOESN'T SAY MUCH... HE'S CALM... HE'S DIGNIFIED...

HAHA HA...
YEAH, YOU SOUND LIKE COMPLETE OPPOSITES! BWAHAHA!

I'LL GO CHANGE
...
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU LAUGHING AT, NOGUCHI?!
HAHA HA!

WOW, THAT BRINGS ME BACK!
THIS WAS AROUND MIDDLE SCHOOL!
LOOK, THERE'S ME!
OH MAN, I WAS SUCH A FATASS! HAHAHA!
YEAH I WAS CLEANING MY ROOM IN MY PARENTS' HOUSE YESTERDAY AND FOUND THAT
I WAS FEELING KINDA NOSTALGIC SO I THOUGHT I'D COME SHOW IT TO YOU.
AND LOOK AT TSUNE! ACTING ALL COOL!
SO ARE YOU
WHAT WAS THAT

HE KICKED MY ASS SO HARD AFTER THAT I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA DIE...
THIS WAS WHEN WE TOOK YOUR BROTHER'S CAR AND DROVE IT ALL THE WAY TO THE SEA EVEN THOUGH NONE OF US HAD HIS DRIVER'S LICENSE!
YOU WROTE "KOTORI WAS HERE!" ON THE WALL OR SOMETHING. WE HAD TO CLEAN IT UP THE NEXT DAY ...
OH, WE TOOK THIS AS PROOF THAT IT WAS US WHO SNEAKED INTO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AND TOOK A CRAP ON HIS DESK!
WHICH YOU STARTED WHEN YOU GOT DRUNK AND WENT CRAZY...
THIS WAS THE HUGE FIGHT AT THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY!
IT WAS MOSTLY JUST YOU...
MAN, WE WERE REAL BIG IDIOTS, HUH! HAHA...

WHAT'S THAT?
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING WEIRD ABOUT THESE PICTURES
YOU'RE NOT IN ANY OF THEM!
THAT'S BECAUSE I *TOOK* THEM YOU RETARD! HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO BE IN THEM?!
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AH, THAT MAKES SENSE! HAHAHA
HOW STUPID ARE YOU?!
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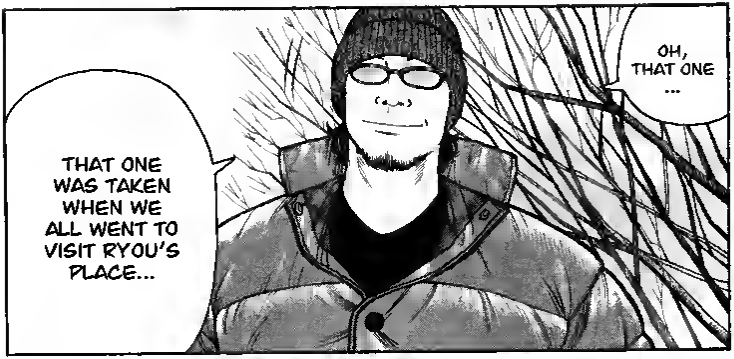

Screwed up again (Ryou was raised by his grandfather, not his uncle). That's what happens without a proofreader. A sec, I might be slightly dyslexic.

OH YEAH ...
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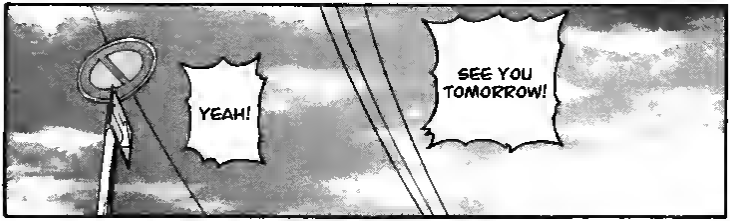
HEY KOTORI, DID YOU FIND THE 138 AND 140 YET?
NO... I'M BEGINNING TO WONDER IF THEY EVEN EXIST..
TELL ME ABOUT IT...
MY ENTIRE ROOM IS FLOODED WITH RIDER CHIPS...
I EAT THEM FOR BREAK-FAST AND DINNER
KOTORI... YOU WANNA GO EAT SOME RAMEN?
NO, THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO TODAY...

YEAH, RIGHT!
NOT A CHANCE, KINSHI-ROU!

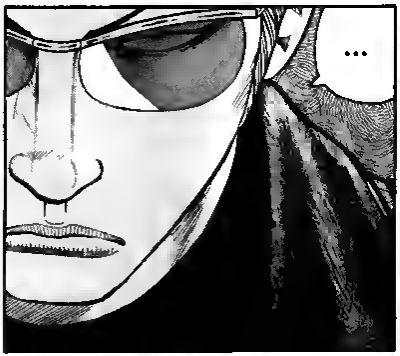
HEY!
I'M GONNA BE THE ONE TO GO TO THAT STRIP CLUB!


YEAH!
SEE YOU TOMORROW!

I DUNNO WHEN IT HAPPENED, BUT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE I'D BEGUN ADDRESSING QP BY HIS FIRST NAME, KOTORI... HE'D BECOME A FRIEND WHO WAS MY AGE AND WORKED AT THE SAME PLACE I DID... I WAS REALLY HAPPY ABOUT THAT...
...

BUT...
EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, WHENEVER HE WAS WORRYING ABOUT AZUMA RYOU, I COULD SEE THE SADNESS IN HIS EYES...

IT'S NO GOOD. BUNTOKU'S NOT AT HIS APARTMENT.
AND HE HASN'T COME HERE EITHER.
OPEN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HE'S NOT ANSWERING HIS PHONE?
NO. I'VE CALLED HIM A DOZEN TIMES.

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KAWA-SHIMA

DO YOU KNOW ANY-THING?
CAN'T SAY THAT I DO I HAVEN'T PICKED UP ANYTHING
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I HEARD KINJOU'S LEFT HAND IS COMPLETELY USELESS NOW...

POOR BASTARD ....
GWAH!

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ING...
WHAT
WAS
THAT?
WHAT?
!!
I--I
DIDN'T SAY
ANYTHING,
SIR!

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YES-
SIR!
GOOD.
KAWA-
SHIMA...
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NEXT TIME YOU TALK TO ME, LOOK ME IN THE EYES.
UNDER-STAND...?
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YES ...
I'M SORRY... IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN... BOSS...
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HMM?

H-- HELLO!
GREET-INGS!

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KOTORI
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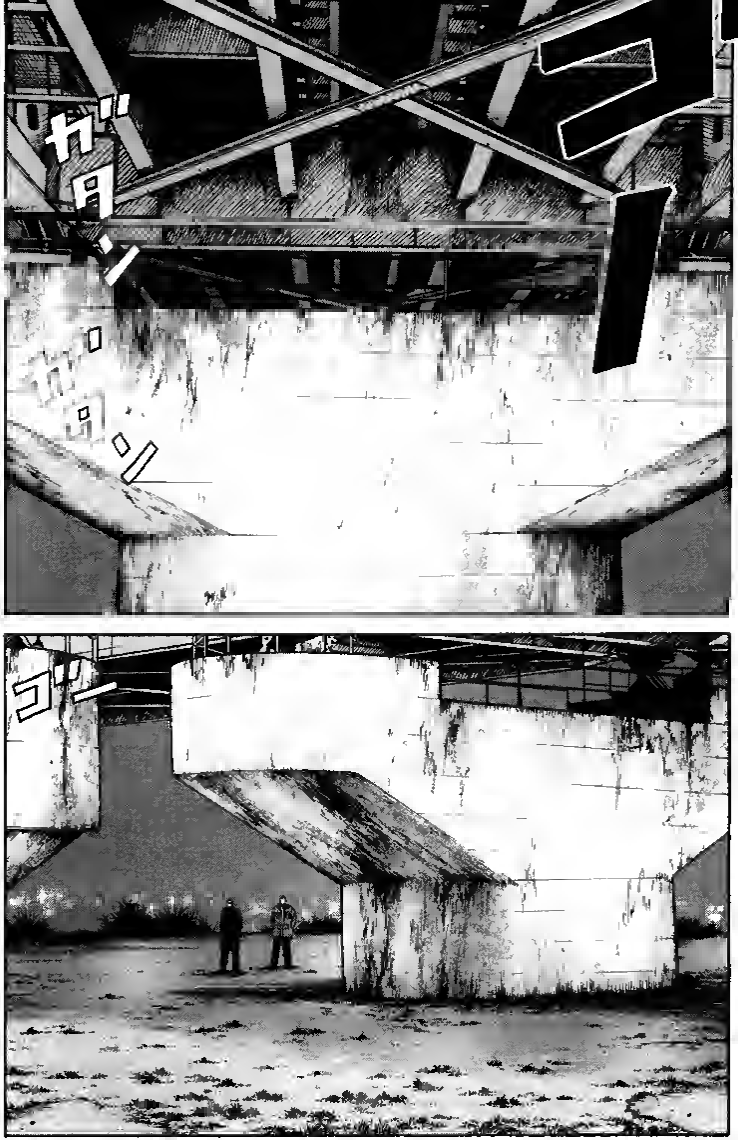
CHAPTER 39:
OUT OF CIGARETTES...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...
HEY RYOU... WILL YOU WAKE UP AND OPEN YOUR EYES ALREADY...
IT'S NOT JUST ME, KOUZOU, TSUNE, WE ALL--

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I ONLY GOT THIS FAR BECAUSE I BELIEVED IN OUR PROMISE!
OPEN MY EYES?! YOU FUCKING .

I'VE BEEN THROUGH HELL WHILE YOU WERE GONE!
I'VE BEEN CUT, STABBED, I'VE BEEN GANGED UP ON AND I'VE HAD A GUN STUCK IN MY MOUTH ...
BUT I TOOK IT ALL, JUST BECAUSE I BELIEVED THAT SOMEDAY YOU WOULD ...

YOU TURNED YOUR BACK ON ME!
AND YOU WANT ME TO OPEN MY EYES?! HOW FUCKING DARE YOU!

IF IT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER, YOU CAN HIT ME ALL YOU WANT...
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UGH
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DON'T EVER LET ME SEE YOU AGAIN.
THIS IS WHERE YOU AND I ARE THROUGH
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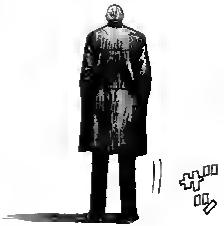

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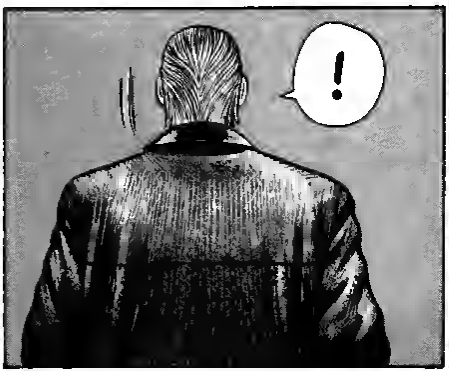
RYOU...
WAIT...

BEFORE I CAME TO SEE YOU TODAY...
I WENT BY YOUR GRAND-DAD'S PLACE...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H--HE WAS SO SAD... HE ASKED ME TO TELL YOU...
...
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU'RE UP TO,
HE JUST WANTS TO SEE YOUR FACE AGAIN...
YOU TRANSFER MONEY TO HIM EVERY MONTH EVEN THOUGH YOU NEVER VISIT HIM, RIGHT?

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EVEN YOU HAVE NOTICED IT, HAVEN'T YOU?
THAT THE ONLY THING AHEAD OF YOU IS DARKNESS... THAT YOU'RE HEADING DOWN A DANGEROUS PATH...
THAT THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T WANT YOUR GRANDDAD TO SEE YOUR FACE.
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STEP BACK INTO THE LIGHT!
I KNOW YOU CAN ...

I WANT TO SEE YOU HAPPY MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE...
WITH KOUZOU, TSUNE AND ME, UNTIL WE'RE OLD AND GRAY ...
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SHUT YOUR MOUTH.

ONE MORE WORD AND I'LL KILL YOU WHERE YOU STAND!
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WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TALKING TO?!
GET YOUR DAMN HEAD OUT OF YOUR ASS OR I'LL TAKE IT OUT FOR YOU!

URK!
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HEY! YOU THERE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
JUST... FORGET ABOUT ME, ALL RIGHT?!
RYOU!

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HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE?
WHOA!
SON OF A BITCH!

Johnny & Associates is Japan's biggest idol factory ("talent agency"). Mori Mitsuko is like 40 years old.

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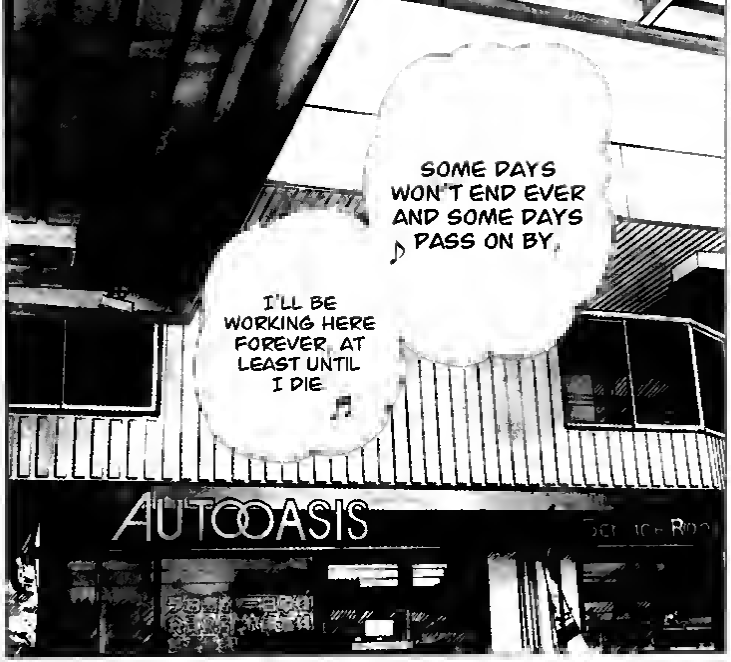
SOME DAYS WON'T END EVER AND SOME DAYS ♪ PASS ON BY.
I'LL BE WORKING HERE FOREVER, AT LEAST UNTIL I DIE. ♫
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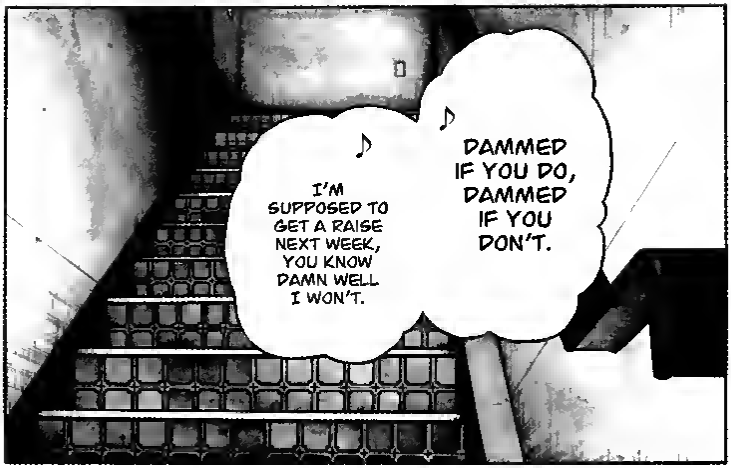
♪ I'M SUPPOSED TO GET A RAISE NEXT WEEK, YOU KNOW DAMN WELL I WON'T.
♪ DAMMED IF YOU DO, DAMMED IF YOU DON'T.

I GET A CHECK ON FRIDAY, BUT IT'S ALREADY SPENT.
♬
BOSS SEKI
HUNDRED DOLLAR CAR NOTE, TWO HUNDRED RENT
♪
AYE AYE!
WHAT, IT'S JUST YOU?
LET'S EARN OUR PAY TODAY!
NO-GU-CHI?
HE'S AL-READY DOWN-STAIRS
KO-TORI?
NOT HERE YET.
HEY! GIMME THAT!
MY ENTIRE FUTURE DEPENDS ON THIS CELL-PHONE!
HUH? KINSHIROU-SAN, YOU BOUGHT A CELL-PHONE?

WHEN I SENT IN MY APPLICATION FOR THE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR MANGAKA AWARD, THIS IS THE PHONE NUMBER I PUT INSIDE THE ENVELOPE. NOBODY ELSE HAS THIS NUMBER!
YOUR FUTURE?
REAL-LY?!
WELL LET'S HOPE IT DOES!
MY PATH TO FAME AND GLORY WILL OPEN!
MEANING THAT WHEN THIS PHONE STARTS RINGING ...
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL... YOU HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED WORK AND YOU'RE SWEATING ALREADY
HUH? THAT'S PRETTY EARLY FOR HIM ...
HEY! THE BOSS IS HERE ALREADY!
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MORNING GENTS!
CHAPTER 40:
KINSHIROU'S TEARS

YOU'LL PUT THIS STAND OUT OF BUSINESS ...
W--WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? YOUR HEAD... YOUR FACE...
NOT ANOTHER WORD!
I'M SURE THERE ARE SOME THINGS RACING THROUGH YOUR MIND RIGHT NOW, BUT I'M ASKING YOU TO LEAVE IT AT THAT.

ABOUT THIS STAND GOING OUT OF BUSI-NESS?
WAIT, WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
...
THAT'S RIGHT! YOU LOOK LIKE A GODDAMN RAPIST!
PEOPLE AREN'T GONNA TANK UP HERE IF THEY'RE SCARED SHITLESS!
I--IF I WERE A CUSTOMER I'D STAY THE HELL AWAY FROM THIS PLACE...
H--HE DOES LOOK PRETTY NASTY...

TRY SMILING!
I'D PROBABLY MOVE OUT OUT OF TOWN IF I SAW THAT FACE AS A CUSTOMER!
NOW HE'S EVEN CREEPIER!
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I'M RIGHT HERE, YOU GUYS.
BETTER YET, HOW ABOUT A MASK?!
WE SHOULD PUT A WIG ON HIM!
YOU THINK WE CAN FIX IT WITH MAGIC MARKER?

GWAH!

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WHAT, IS THAT IT? BUT I'M NOT DONE PLAYING YET!
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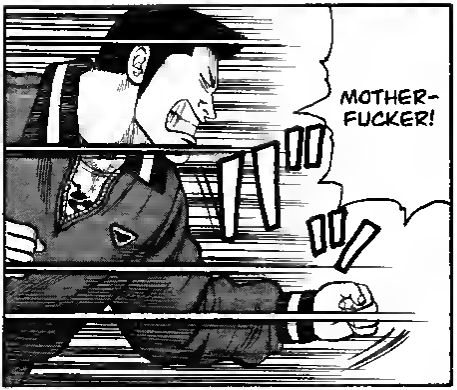
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HEY, THAT'S ENOUGH ...
HOW 'BOUT WE LEAVE IT AT THAT ...
YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY MY PAL'S HERE
I'LL LET YA GO FOR TODAY I SUGGEST YOU THINK TWICE ABOUT WHO YOU'RE EYE-BALLING NEXT TIME, BOY!
THAT WAS A GOOD WORKOUT. HAHAHA...
...

WHAT GROUP ARE YOU FROM?!
W--WAIT! YOU THINK YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH THIS?!
STOP!
H--HEY, JUST LET 'EM GO!
SHUT THE FUCK UP!
LATER!
DON'T WORRY 'BOUT IT BRAH!
I'LL TELL YA! IT'S--
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO YOU JUST FUCKED WITH?! WHO I REPRE-SENT?!

HUH?

GYAA AAH!
M--MY EARS!

WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU THINKING?!
YOU CAN'T JUST GO OUT AND TAKE A STROLL AROUND HERE!

MY BAD, MY BAD.. I WAS JUST BORED OUTTA MY SKULL..
I JUST WANNA GET THIS JOB DONE SO WE CAN GO BACK TO KANSAI IS IT TIME YET?

WE'LL DO IT TWO DAYS FROM NOW, ON THE 20TH...
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FUCKIN' FINALLY!
WHO'S OUR TARGET?
HMM?
AZUMA RYOU... THE HEAD OF MY ORGANI-ZATION.
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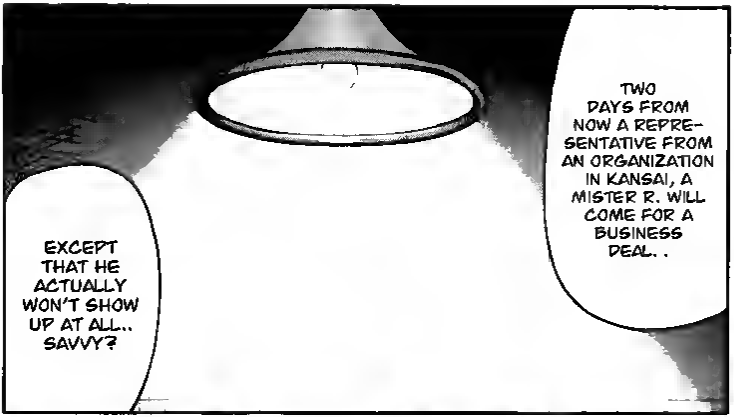
TWO DAYS FROM NOW A REPRESENTATIVE FROM AN ORGANIZATION IN KANSAI, A MISTER R. WILL COME FOR A BUSINESS DEAL. .
EXCEPT THAT HE ACTUALLY WON'T SHOW UP AT ALL... SAVVY?

LISTEN TO ME. DON'T UNDERESTIMATE HIM JUST BECAUSE HE'S ONE GUY
EVEN WE DON'T KNOW WHERE HE LIVES OR WHERE HE GETS HIS GUNS AND MONEY. HE'S A MYSTERIOUS MAN...

SO HE'S A PRO, HUH
WHEN WE GET BACK, TELL KITSU-KAWA-SAN
THAT WE WANT AN INCREASE ON THE SECOND HALF OF OUR PAYMENT.
WHAT?
THIS MAN MIGHT BE A MORE DANGEROUS ENEMY THAN AN ENTIRE ORGANI-ZATION.
HOW CAN YOU TELL?
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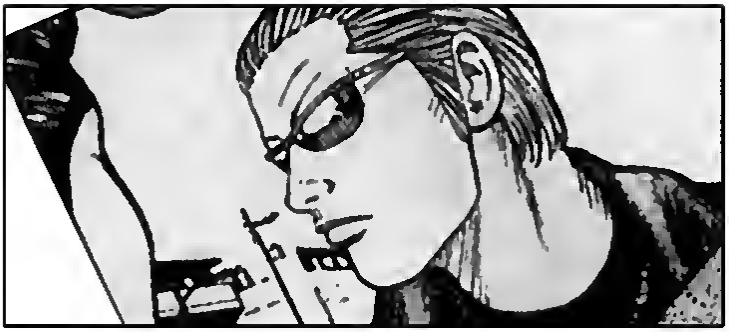
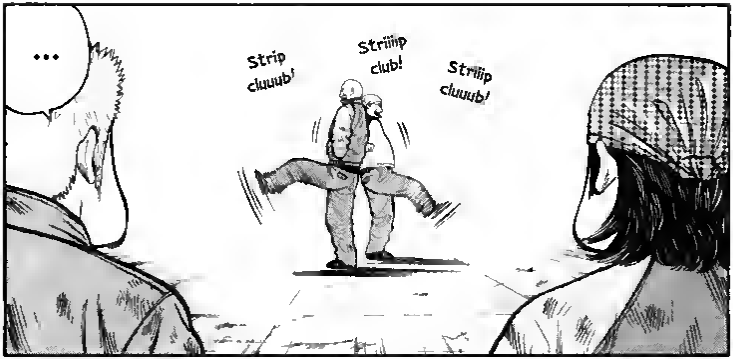
CALL IT HIS "SMELL"...



THE NEXT DAY.
MY BELOVED NUMBERS 138 AND 140!
F--FINALLY, THEY'RE ALL MINE!
MY BODY FAT WENT UP 40%! HAHAHA!
I GAINED TWO KILO-GRAMS BUT WHAT THE HELL!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Strip cluuub!
Striiip club!
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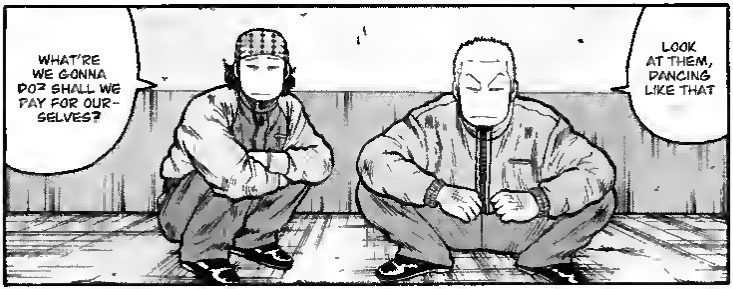
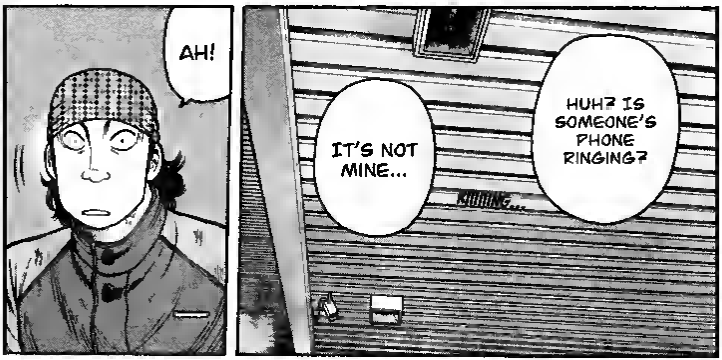

WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO? SHALL WE PAY FOR OUR-SELVES?
LOOK AT THEM, DANCING LIKE THAT

YOU'RE RIGHT...

RIIIIING...

I'VE BEEN EATING RIDER CHIPS FOR DINNER, FOR GOD'S SAKE...
I DON'T HAVE THAT KINDA MONEY...

AW, DON'T LOOK SO SAD YOU TWO!
RIIIING...
SHADDAP! GET OUTTA MY SIGHT YOU PER-VERTED FATASS!


AH!
IT'S NOT MINE...
HUH? IS SOMEONE'S PHONE RINGING?
RIIIING...

I--IT'S MINE...
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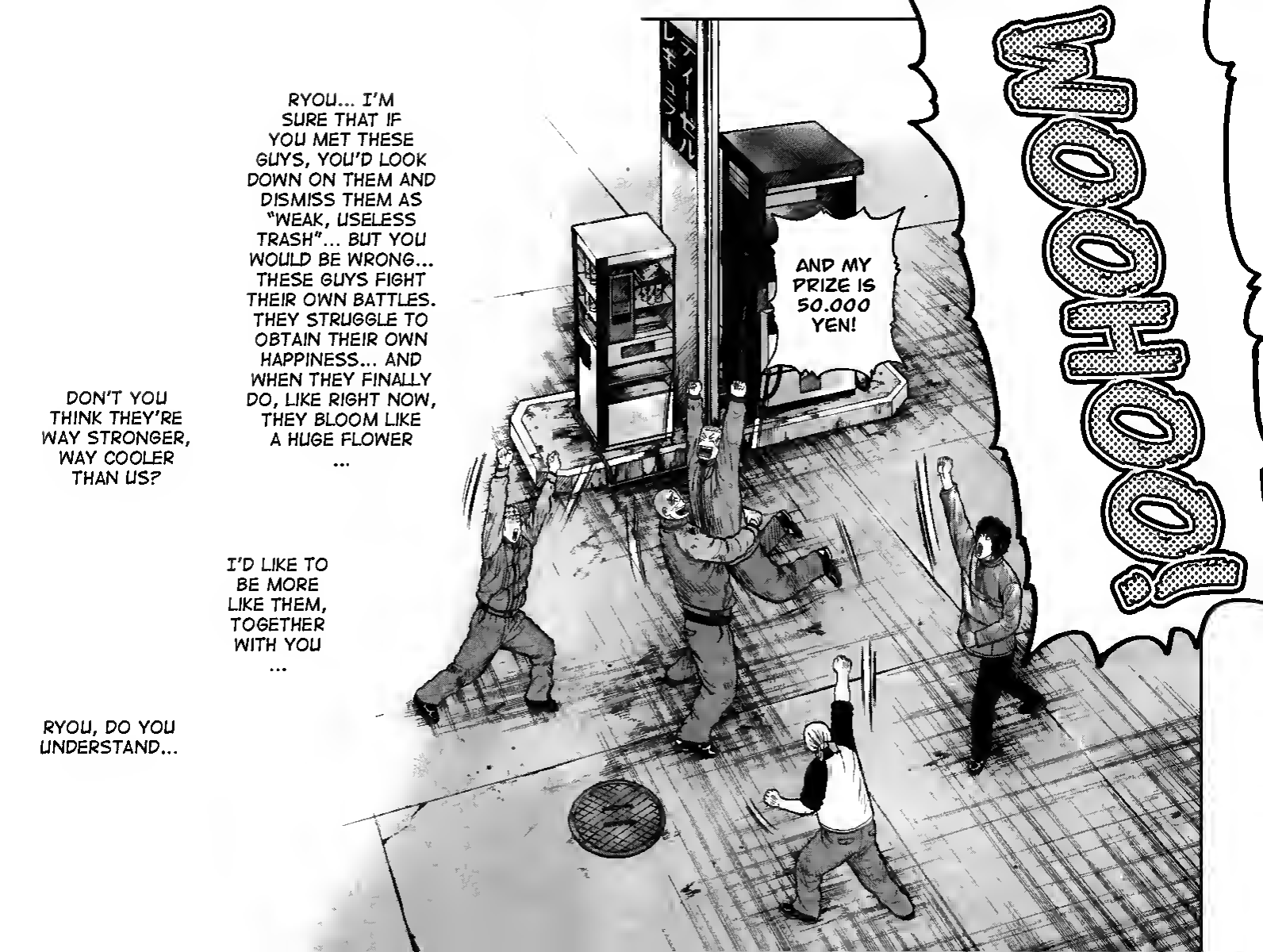
Lavatory
...
SO THERE YOU HAVE IT...
HUH, SO THAT'S WHAT'S GOING ON...
SNIFF
NO LUCK AGAIN, HUH...
H-- HE'S CRYING
AH, LOOKS LIKE THEY HUNG UP...

KIN-SHI-ROU-SAN.
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU'LL GET THERE
THERE'S ALWAYS NEXT TIME...
HEY... CHEER UP, KIN-SHIROU ...
TWO FULL TIME EDITORS TOLD ME TO WORK HARD TOWARDS MY DEBUT ...
THEY ASKED ME IF I COULD MEET WITH THEM NEXT WEEK...
S--SO THEN...
HUH?!

THE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD... I WAS NUMBER
KIN-SHI-ROU!
Y-- YOU DID IT! KINSHIROU, THAT'S AMAZING!
CON-GRATULA-TIONS!
Room

C'MERE YOU!
WHOOH!
AAAA
SNIFF ...
ONE!
TWO!
THREE!


RYOU... I'M SURE THAT IF YOU MET THESE GUYS, YOU'D LOOK DOWN ON THEM AND DISMISS THEM AS "WEAK, USELESS TRASH"... BUT YOU WOULD BE WRONG... THESE GUYS FIGHT THEIR OWN BATTLES. THEY STRUGGLE TO OBTAIN THEIR OWN HAPPINESS... AND WHEN THEY FINALLY DO, LIKE RIGHT NOW, THEY BLOOM LIKE A HUGE FLOWER ...
DON'T YOU THINK THEY'RE WAY STRONGER, WAY COOLER THAN US?
I'D LIKE TO BE MORE LIKE THEM, TOGETHER WITH YOU ...
RYOU, DO YOU UNDERSTAND...
AND MY PRIZE IS 50.000 YEN!
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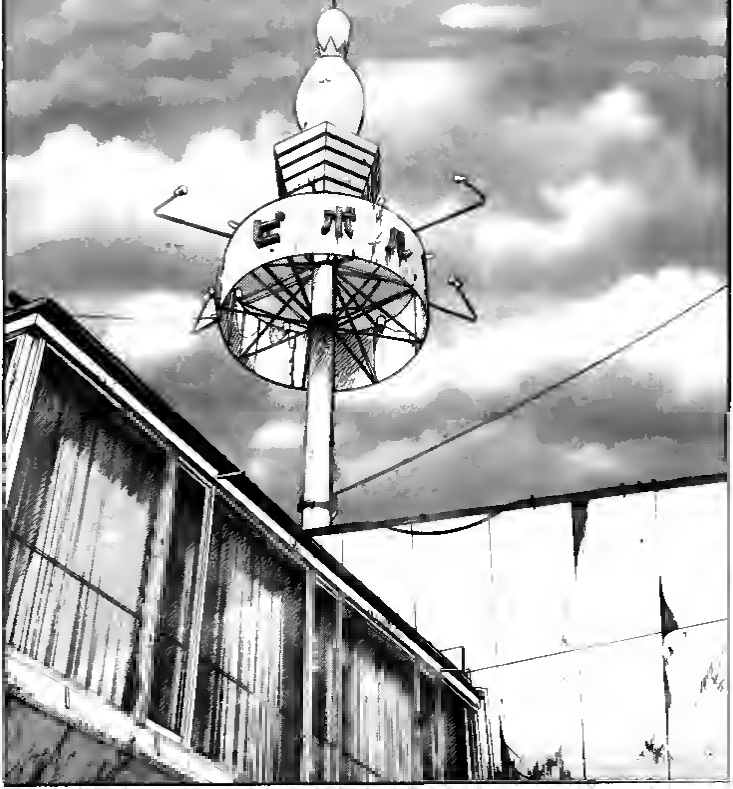

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HELLO!

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EVERY-
ONE BUT
KAWASHIMA
AND ICHII,
LEAVE THE
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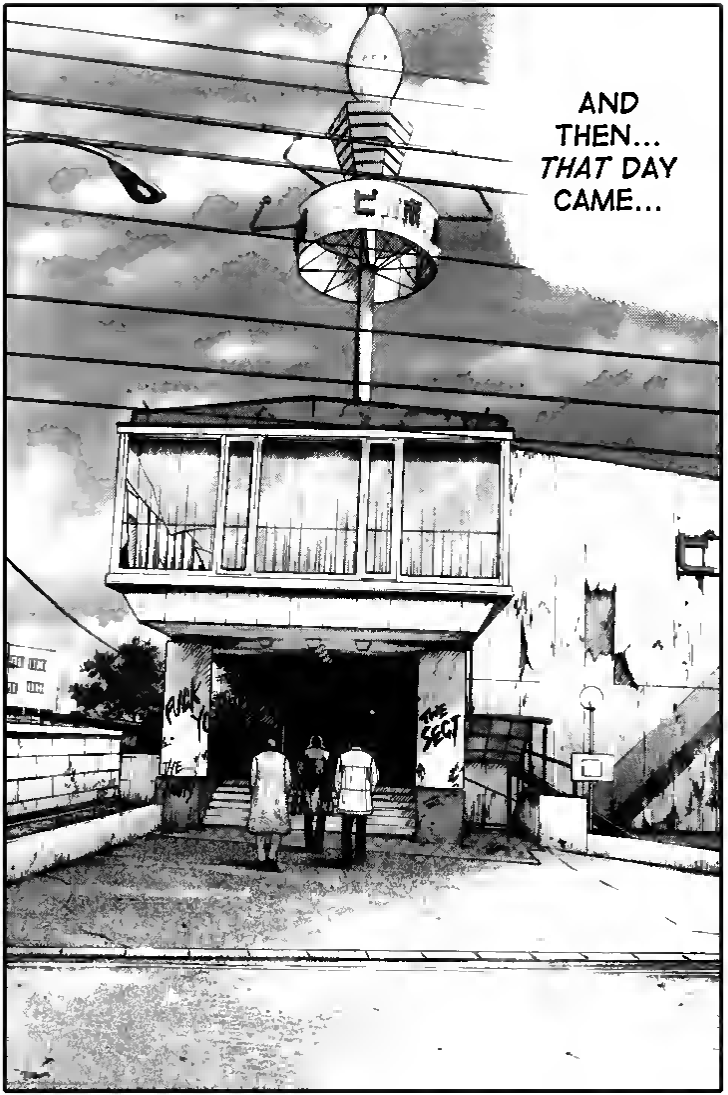
CLOSER
UNTIL I
CONTACT
YOU
YES-
SIR!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THEN...
THAT DAY
CAME...

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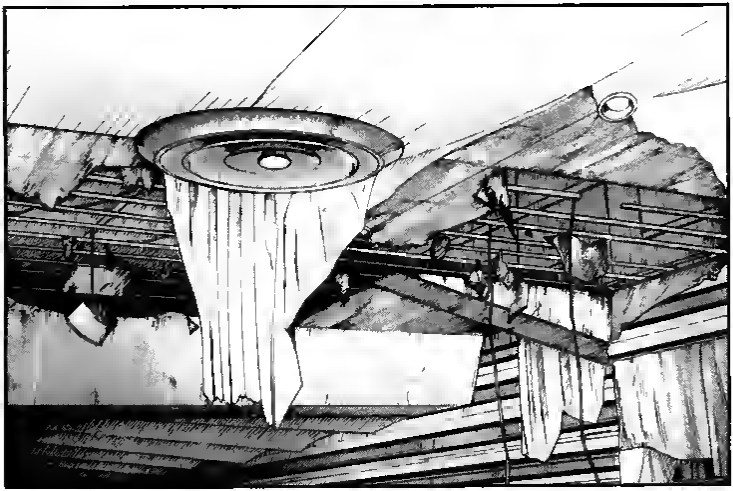
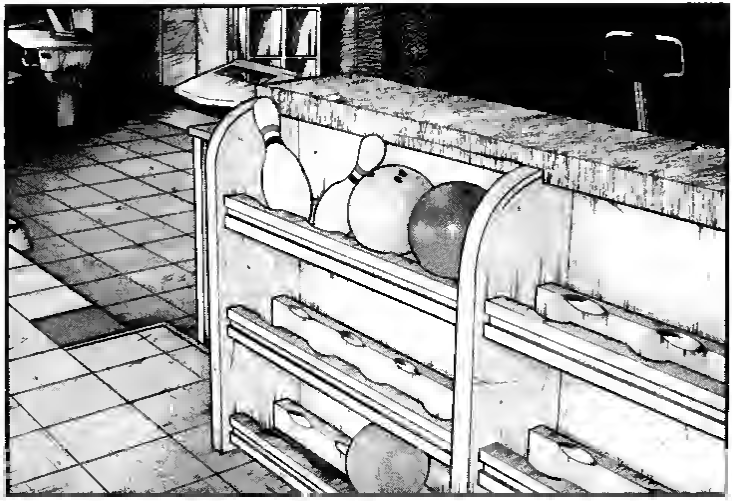
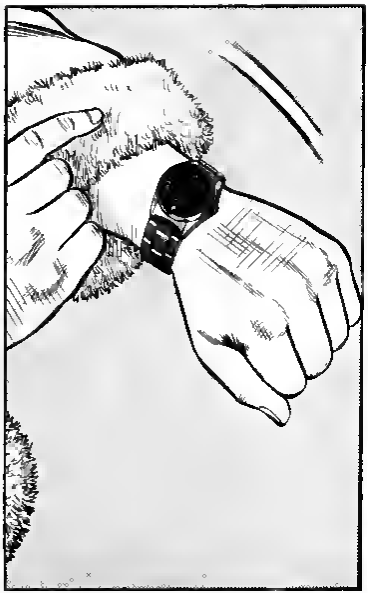
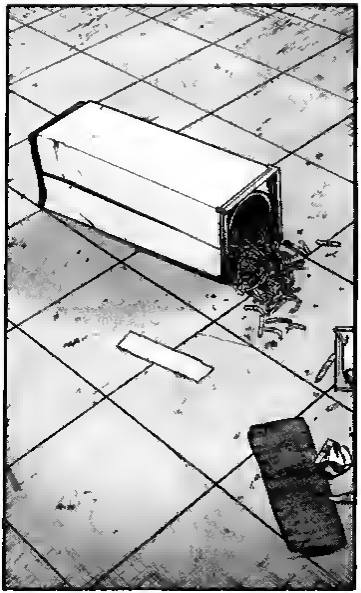
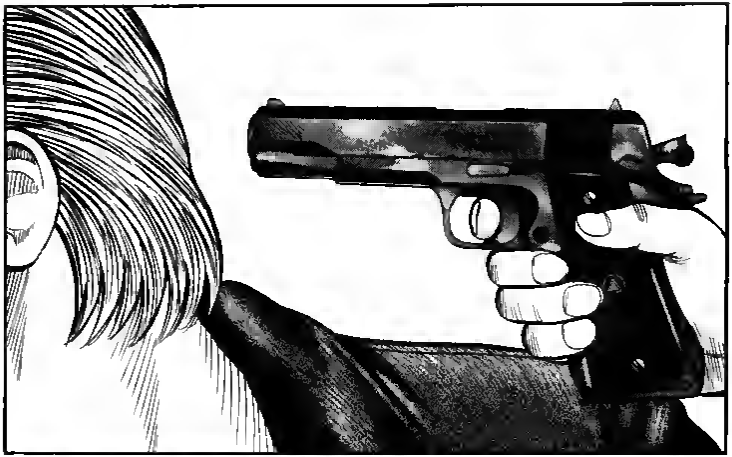
A GATHERING OF BEASTS!











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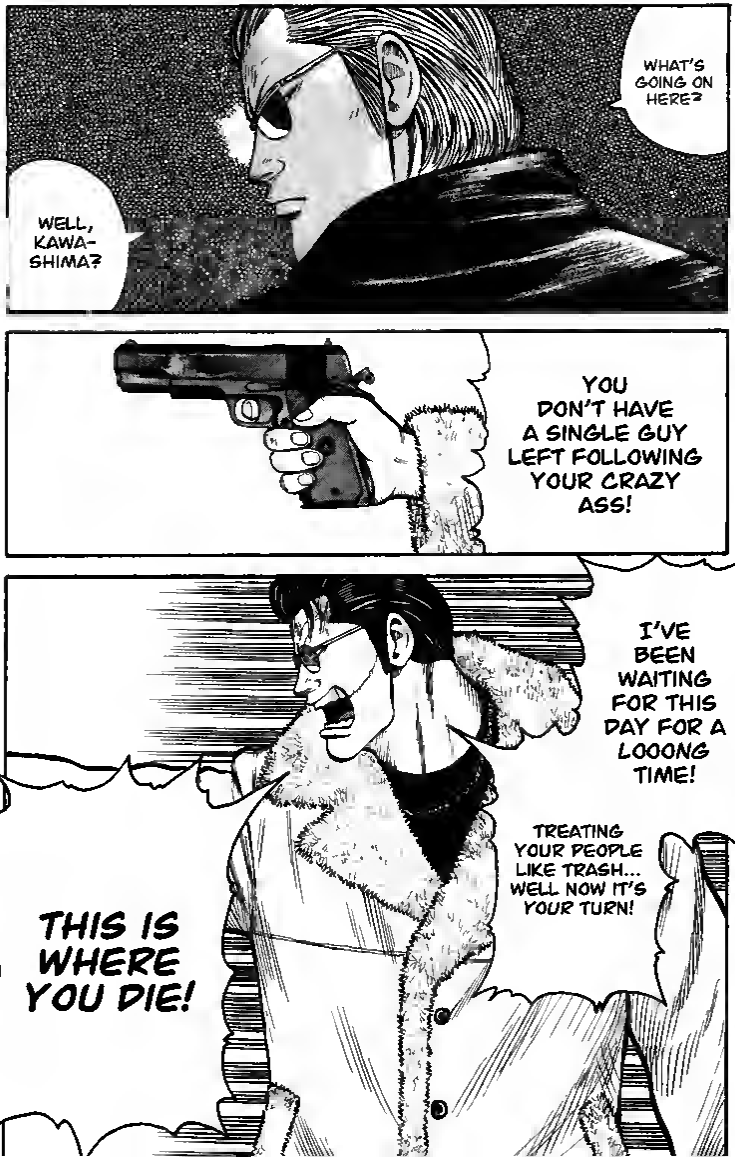
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THIS RAIN IS GONNA LET UP...
YOU HAVE AN UMBRELLA WITH YOU?
NOPE
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE LOOKING KINDA GLUM
HUH?
OH, IT'S NOTHING...
THERE'S A BUNCH OF UMBRELLAS IN THE LOCKER ROOM.
OH YEAH!
I'LL GO GET 'EM JUST A MINUTE.
YEAH, THANKS.

ISN'T THAT
KO-- KOTORI-SAN!

HEY! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
ARGH
AREN'T YOU RYOU'S ...
WHAT'S WRONG?! WHAT HAP-PENED?!
TH-- THEY'RE GONNA KILL RYOU-SAN...
YOU'RE HIS ONLY CHANCE! I'M BEGGING YOU, PLEASE, SAVE HIM!

TELL ME MORE!
RYOU ...


WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
WELL, KAWA-SHIMA?
YOU DON'T HAVE A SINGLE GUY LEFT FOLLOWING YOUR CRAZY ASS!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS DAY FOR A LOOONG TIME!
TREATING YOUR PEOPLE LIKE TRASH... WELL NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!
THIS IS WHERE YOU DIE!

DON'T MOVE, ASS-HOLE!
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WON'T YOU AT LEAST GRANT A CONDEMNED MAN HIS LAST SMOKE?
KEEP YOUR PANTIES ON...
カチッ
KUH!
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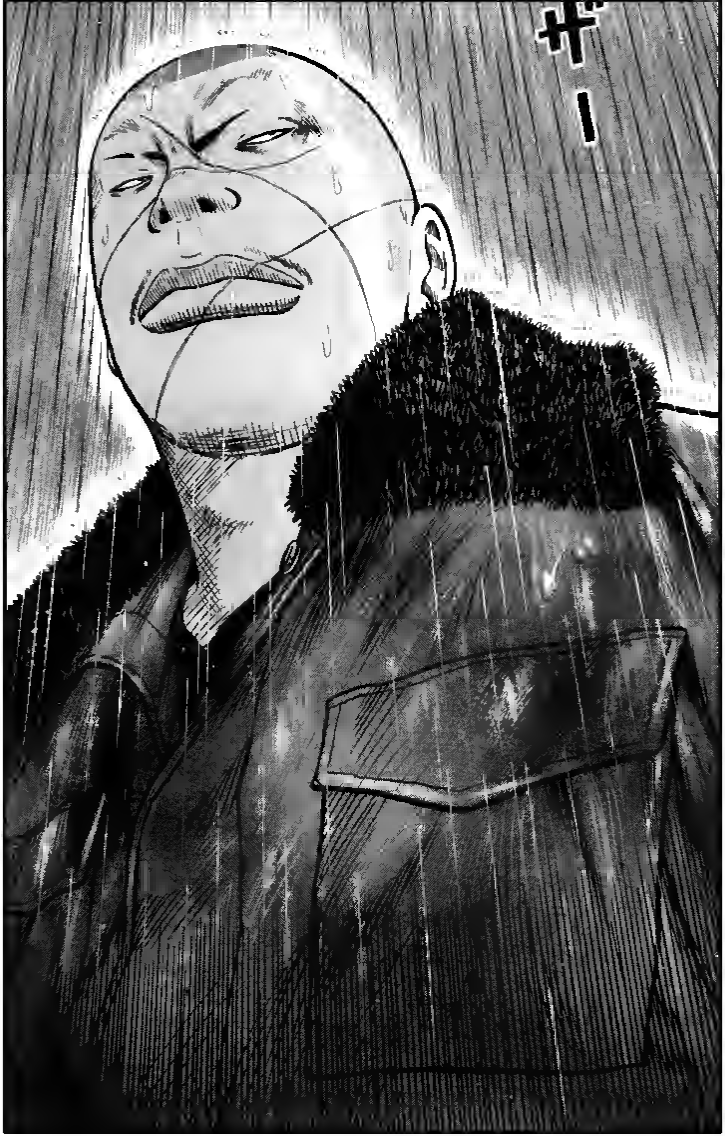
WHAT A GUY... HE'S STILL LIKE THAT EVEN IN THIS SITUATION... WHAT THE HELL KIND OF ORDEALS MUST HE HAVE GONE THROUGH ...
WE'RE RIGHT NOT TO LET HIM LIVE!

WHERE ARE THEY?!
I--I LOST THEM NEAR THE YOKOTA PLAYGROUND. THERE'S AN ABANDONED BOWLING ALLEY THERE. THAT HAS TO BE IT!
HURRY.. THERE'S NO TIME ...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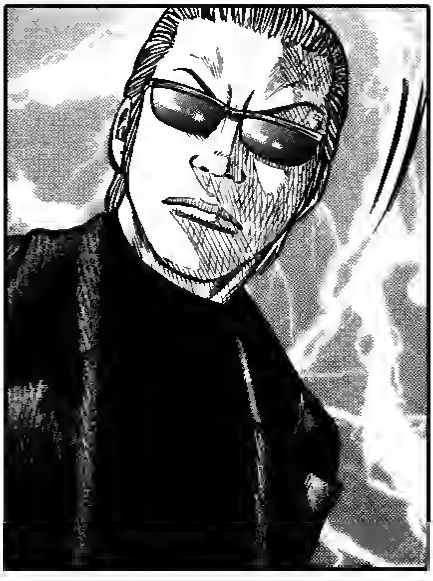

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